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Macmillan Acts

MR Harold Macmillan has made an auspicious debut as Chancellor of the Exchequer. It was hard enough for him to succeed such an eminent political economist as Mr Butler, particularly as he gave it to be understood that the robes of that particular office did not hang easily or fit comfortably.

But to have grasped the nettle so courageously after weeks of careful examination of the inflation problem, and moreover to have won a fairly wide measure of support in doing so, Mr Macmillan immediately stamps himself as a firm—even aggressive—manager of the nation's economic affairs.

The success of his measures announced on Friday will depend to a large extent on whether he succeeds in one of two directions—in stabilising wages or in getting rid of the precarious meniscus on brimful employment. Labour will, of course, say that by cutting subsidies, Mr Macmillan is making the lot of the lower wage group not less, but more difficult.

IF Mr Macmillan had stopped there the complaint might have had some validity. But he has gone much farther and has attempted to bring about a well-ordered all-round reduction in capital expenditure. Reduced output is one of the inevitables. But he will need to watch this position carefully so that he can introduce new checks and balances as the situation demands.

Important is the need to strengthen the pound. The raising of the bank rate together with the other new measures should help to achieve this in time. World-wide repercussions are inevitable because of sterling's wide ramifications—even Hongkong may be affected, though it is hoped that borrowing rates will not be raised here without most careful consideration.

It is regrettable that domestic convulsions produce such widespread reactions. And about the only consolation is that the health of the British economy and the preservation of the strength of sterling are of vital importance far beyond the shores of the British Commonwealth. Any upsets and hardships they involve therefore ought to be borne with resignation and the hope that the new Chancellor's moves meet with the success they deserve.

Life Guards For HK

AT the time of our recent comment on the subject of lifesavers, it was not known to us that plans for a corps had already been laid. The announcement last week, therefore, that the Royal Life Saving Society had decided to form the Hongkong Life Guard Club came as a pleasant surprise. Indeed, it more than fulfils the hopes and expectations set forth in this column just over a week ago.

The intention is that the Corps will work with Urban Service life savers in a voluntary capacity on beaches and bathing areas. Also it is hoped that life guards will be able to join launch picnic groups where requested. In view of at least one recent picnic tragedy, this service should be a particularly welcome innovation for the Colony.

IN due course, the Corps will presumably receive proper and adequate equipment for its work. Various interested organisations have generously made useful donations already. And as it is to be a voluntary body performing a free public service, the organisers should consider an appeal to beach users for additional support. This form of appeal has been employed with some success in Australia.

The Colony looks forward to seeing the new Corps in action soon.

"We Do Not Want Malayan Citizenship"

BRITISH CHINESE IN REVOLT

Allegiance Only To The Queen

Singapore, Feb. 19.

The Queen's Chinese are in revolt. They like being British citizens and wish to remain British. And they plan to send a delegation to London to see the Colonial Secretary.

They are those loyal people who were born in the British territories of Singapore, Penang and Malacca (in the rest of Malaya they are the subjects of various sultans.)

Today the leader of the Penang Straits British-Chinese Association, wealthy rubber dealer Heah Joo Seang said: "Penang and Malacca are still British colonies and we owe our allegiance only to the Queen."

Heah, voicing the view of many thousands of Penangites who do not want to join "Free" Malaya said: "It is proposed to have only a Malayan citizenship in the new set-up. It seems incongruous that the Queen should tell us she does not require us any more. If Prince Rahman refuses to let us keep British citizenship we shall agitate for dominion status."—London Express Service.

The Tengku Returns

Singapore, Feb. 20.

Malaya's Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, who was promised independence for his country within the British Commonwealth if possible by August 1957, returned today from London 10½ hours late.

Several hundred Singapore Malays waited until nearly 1 o'clock in the morning to greet the Chief Minister with cries of Merdeka (freedom).

Tengku Abdul Rahman is staying overnight in Singapore before flying later today to Malacca, where he was expected to announce to the people of Malaya, Britain's agreement to give them independence at the place where in 1511 the Portuguese first colonised Malaya.

His official reception in Singapore was postponed because of his late arrival, and it will now take place this morning before he leaves for Malacca.

Light rain fell as the Chief Minister's Tudor Constellation of Qantas Empire Airways landed.

Australian officials of the airline arranged a screen of umbrellas from the doorway of the plane to the nearest airport building so that the Chief Minister would not get wet.

He was greeted at Singapore's airfield by Singapore's acting Chief Minister, Mr Lim Yew-hock, and other ministers of the Singapore government.—Reuter.

ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN

Singapore, Feb. 20.

Tengku Abdul Rahman said here today that he intended to pursue military operations against Communist terrorists in Malaya with even greater vigour than in the past now that he was Defence Minister.

The Chief Minister for Malaya made—this statement before he left Singapore for Malacca.

"I am not going to treat the Communist terrorist leader Chin Peng as an equal at all," he said.

"I never will and I never can."

The Chief Minister said he was not allowing any time limit for Chin Peng to answer the appeal he intended making over Malaya Radio, probably today, calling on the Communists to lay down their arms.—Reuter.

Peruvian Revolt

Troops Surround Jungle Redoubt

Lima, Peru, Feb. 19.

Government troops swarmed into positions around the jungle redoubt of rebel Gen. Marcial Marino Pereira today in an effort to crush his four-day-old revolt.

Air transports shuttled northward from Lima through the night with men and mechanised equipment for the push against the rebel forces which have their headquarters in the Amazon River port city of Iquitos, some 50 air miles northeast of the capital.

The rebels indicated they expected the government forces to bombard Iquitos.

Their "Radio National" advised residents of the city to stay tuned in for instructions on how to avoid damage from "action the government will take."

GOVT CLAIM

A brief government communique said last night the counter-measures against the rebels were a "complete success," but did not elaborate.

The government said one of the outposts in Merino's jungle command at Barranca repudiated the General. Barranca is 240 air miles southeast of Iquitos, near the Ecuador border. The government said yesterday that another outpost 60 miles from Barranca remained loyal.

The Peruvian Air Minister, Maj-Gen. Enriquo Bernales, made a flying tour of the jungled northern regions of the country and went into conference with the Army, Navy and Interior Ministers.

Lima itself bore none of the aspects of a city under a state of siege. Despite modified martial law, theatres and night clubs did their usual business and the streets, parks and sidewalk cafes were crowded with people seeking relief from the sultry summer heat.—United Press.

Anxiety Over The Aga Khan

Cannes, Feb. 19.

The 78-year-old Aga Khan was reported in serious condition tonight and his wife, the Begum, said she was very worried.

The Aga Khan was flown back from Assuan in Egypt earlier in the week in poor condition and was reported to be "very tired." He has been under treatment since but his condition has given grounds for alarm.

The fabulously rich Moslem potentate was attended by the Begum and his son, Ali Khan.

His personal doctor, Jean Stehelin, tonight refused to issue a medical bulletin, but it was not known whether this was a good or bad sign.

The Aga has suffered several crises during the past years but so far always managed to come back well for his age.

He left at the beginning of the year for his usual winter visit to Egypt but had to be flown back on February 16, after falling seriously ill.—United Press.

BIG 3 AGAIN TO REVIEW M.E. ARMS SHIPMENTS

Washington, Feb. 19.

Britain, France and the United States will review arms shipments during discussions this week on joint Middle East policies, official sources said here today.

The question of military supplies to Israel and the Arab states, these sources said, was regarded as only a minor aspect of the tensions already existing there.

But, because of the furore created last week over the shipment of 18 American light reconnaissance tanks to Saudi Arabia, the Big Three Western powers have decided to go over arms policies again.

Representatives of the three nations have been meeting regularly at the State Department since the conference between President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden three weeks ago.

"LOCAL MATTER"

A State Department source said the American decision to lift the embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East, which followed the excitement caused by news of the tank consignment to Saudi Arabia, was regarded as a "local" matter which did not affect the broader issues in the tension caused by the Arab-Israeli quarrel.

Regarded as more important by the Western representatives here was the Kremlin's recent warning that the tripartite Western declaration to guarantee the present boundaries, by force if necessary, would not be acceptable to the Soviet Union.

Further, diplomatic sources said, Mr George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, spoke for all the Big Three powers when he said last Wednesday that there was "serious likelihood" that military operations could break out in the Middle East without either side willing it.

The lifting of the short-lived United States arms embargo last night has caused consternation in Israeli circles here.

They point out that while Saudi Arabia—a member of the Arab League allied against Israel—would get 18 tanks, Israel would get only $11,000 (about £39,300) worth of light communications and arms equipment.

An Israeli request for an estimated $50 million to $70 million (about £18 to £25 million) worth of modern heavy equipment, including jet fighters and medium tanks, has not been approved so far by the United States.

TO CALL DULLES

Today, Senator Walter George, Democratic chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told an American reporter he expected to call the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, before his committee "as soon as he can come," to discuss the arms shipments situation.

Mr Dulles, now on holiday, is not expected back in Washington until Wednesday.

Senator George said of the tank shipment to Saudi Arabia: "We have to live up to our agreement." Yesterday he called the agreement itself "unwise."—Reuter.

TANKS LOADED

New York, Feb. 19.

Eighteen light tanks for Saudi Arabia were swung aboard the freighter James Monroe today while police guarded the Brooklyn pier.

A mass demonstration by Zionist youth organisations was suddenly called off shortly before loading began.

The 7,200-ton Hellenic Lines freighter is expected to finish loading and sail from the pier before midnight, a company spokesman said. He declined to give the first port of call or say when the shipment would reach its destination.

The first tank was swung aboard the freighter by a floating derrick shortly after a direct appeal by a leader of the demonstrators was ignored by dockers.

Throughout the morning, about 20 pickets quietly stood outside the pier. At noon today, the picketing group began growing swiftly till 250 men and women had formed a chanting, shouting line of marchers.

Police said the demonstrators represented two Zionist youth organisations.

SHOUT SLOGANS

The demonstrators sang Israeli songs, shouted "Stop helping the Reds," and carried placards, "Send more arms to Israel," "No more aid for Dulles" and "Where is American justice?"

The procession, which reached its peak in the dockers' lunch hour, was witnessed by most of 50 workmen loading the mixed cargo in the Monroe.

As the men resumed work, Ben Emek, publicity director for one group who claimed he was in charge of the pickets, shouted: "Are you interested in showing the world you hate the Communist guts or are you interested in getting a day's pay?"

A docker shouted in reply: "We're going to work."

An outbreak of name-calling followed but police kept order. Emek then said "We've done all we can."

Before the pickets left the scene most of the young men lined up at a nearby wall and bowed their heads in prayer.

A State Department licence for the tank shipment was reinstated yesterday after being temporarily suspended on Friday.—Reuter.

Third Plane Crash In Four Days

Moraga, Calif., Feb. 19.

A Navy jet fighter crashed and burned near here today, killing the pilot and endangering workers with exploding ammunition.

It was the third military plane crash east of San Francisco Bay in four days and brought the death toll to 45.

The plane was an F-7-U Cutlass based at Alameda naval air station near Oakland, California.—United Press.

Housewives Will Probably Decide Vote

Melbourne, Feb. 20.

With the Olympic Games coming up in November, the residents of Melbourne and the rest of Victoria will decide in a referendum on March 24, whether to repeal the law, which at present compels bars and other places for public drinking to close at 6 p.m.

There is no doubt that those in favour of longer drinking hours would have a majority—but for housewives. Unsure of the effect which later drinking hours might have on their husbands' homecoming habits after work, most housewives, however, are expected to play safe and vote for the retention of 6 p.m., closing. Housewives have caused the defeat of previous attempts to increase hotel trading hours in Victoria.

THE QUESTION

Nearly 1,500,000 Victorians over the age of 21 will go to the polls on March 24 to answer this question:

"Are you in favour of the extension of hotel trading hours on weekdays until 10 o'clock in the evening."

They will answer: "Yes," or "No."

Voting is compulsory.

In Australia, only two states — Victoria and South Australia — close hotel bars at 6 p.m. In other states, the bars remain open until 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

In Melbourne, the daily after-work rush for the bars starts about 5 p.m. Bowler-hatted businessmen and burly labourers jostle and shove one another in overcrowded bars in a race against the call: "Time gentlemen, please."—China Mail Special.

Woman Knifed To Death In London

London, Feb. 20.

Britain's first murder since parliament voted last Thursday to abolish the death penalty was committed in London's dockland yesterday.

While a Salvation Army band played hymns in the falling snow, Scotland Yard detectives were combing the dingy East End streets for the assailant of 50-year-old Mrs Betty Seneffi, knifed in the back in her husband's outfitters and fancy goods shop in West India Dock Road.

British newspapers this morning are already dubbing the unknown murderer "the man who cannot hang" and are giving the crime front page prominence in view of the current controversy over the death penalty here.

Face Downwards

The murdered woman was found lying face downwards by her husband, Mr. Maurice Seneffi, when he returned from his stall at Petticoat Lane, East London's picturesque open air market.

The shop with an array of sheath knives, and seamen's kit in the window, is in the heart of Limehouse, London's Chinese quarter, with its oriental restaurants and seamen's hostels.

Detectives are working on the theory that the murderer may have used one of the knives on display in the shop for his attack.—Reuter.

Greek Elections

Athens, Feb. 19.

The opposition Democratic Union, which includes resurgent Communists, held a slight lead over the forces of pro-Western Premier Constantin Karamanlis tonight after election workers completed counting one-quarter of the votes cast in the Greek national election.

The office of the Minister of the Interior virtually stopped announcing results of the balloting shortly before midnight Athens Time. Radio stations and public address systems turned to folk music to lull the citizens to sleep.

Official returns from 2,029 of 8,460 precincts showed 396,021 or 50.8 per cent for the Democratic Union and 376,335 for the Karamanlis forces.—United Press.

Cinema Tragedy

Rome, Feb. 19.

One child was killed and 16 others badly injured when the roof of a cinema at Frosinone, south of Rome, collapsed tonight under the weight of nearly 10 feet of snow.

The cinema was packed with children and nearly 100 were lightly scratched or bruised as they fled towards the exits.—China Mail Special.

Monaco Will Be En Fete

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Monaco, Feb. 19.

A garden party for Monaco's 2,030 citizens, dancing in the streets, and performances by the London Festival ballet company are planned in celebrations for the wedding here next April of Prince Rainier of Monaco and American film star Miss Grace Kelly.

Under the provisional plans, 50 million francs (about £50,000) will be spent on three days of celebrations.

Representatives of all European royalty have been invited to the wedding.

Festivities are planned to begin on April 17, eve of the civil wedding in the throne room of the Prince's palace, with concerts, singing and folklore dances.

Eighty dancers from the London Festival ballet company are expected to perform in the palace courtyard before Prince Rainier and his bride.

There will also be a reception at the palace for the foreign legations in Monaco and a big firework display.

The civil wedding ceremony will be followed by a lunch for the foreign legations, and in the afternoon there will be a garden party in the palace grounds for the citizens of Monaco.

Gala Performance

In the evening the Prince and his bride will attend a gala performance given by the London ballet dancers in the 600-seat opera house.

At the same time, there will be balls and galas in cafes and theatres, while some other people dance in streets decked with Monaco and United States flags.

The religious marriage ceremony will be held in Monaco's cathedral on April 19.

This will probably be followed by an official reception for all the royal guests.—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP DENOUNCES SEGREGATION

New Orleans, Feb. 19.

Monsignor Joseph Francis Rummel, Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans, in a strongly worded pastoral letter, today denounced segregation of whites and negroes as "morally wrong and sinful" and gave clear indication that he intends to integrate New Orleans parochial schools.

His letter was read at all Masses in all churches throughout the archdiocese, largest in the southern United States with a Catholic population of 524,157. About 25 percent are negroes.

It was the first time New Orleans Catholics heard integration plans discussed in a public letter from the archbishop.

State's Largest School Unit

The New Orleans parochial Catholic school system is the state's largest single school unit. New Orleans is one of the few cities in the country where more children attend parochial than public schools.

Archbishop Rummel did not say when integration would come but pleaded "that the decision when made will be accepted in the spirit of christian charity and justice..."

The New Orleans public (city-owned) school system is already under federal district court order to begin carrying out the 1954 US Supreme Court decision ending public school segregation.

The court order came on Wednesday after a special three-man federal court declared that all Louisiana school segregation laws are unconstitutional.—Reuter.

Noted Indian Socialist Dies

New Delhi, Feb. 19.

Mr Acharyanarendra Deva, chairman of the Indian Praja Socialist Party, who was imprisoned four times by the British for nationalist agitation, died today at Perimduris, South India, aged 66.—Reuter.

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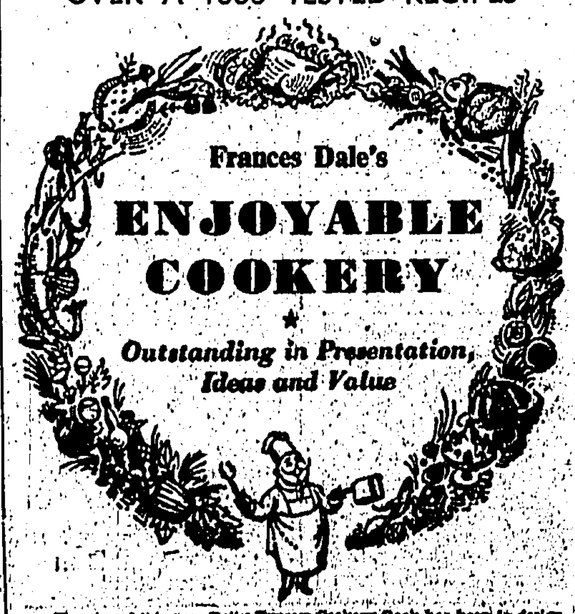

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PARATROOPS TO SUBDUE BRAZILIAN REVOLT

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 19.

The War Minister, Senhor Henrique Teizeira Lott, today ordered 800 Army paratroopers flown to the Amazon jungles to help the government put down a "private" revolt led by four air force officers.

The War Minister said the army paratroopers would be stationed at Belem, capital of the State of Para, and would be ordered into action only if air force members travelling by land were unable to capture the four rebels and their small groups of followers.

The army does not want to interfere in affairs of the air force unless necessary, Senhor Lott explained.

The little rebellion against the government of President Juscelino Kubitschek started on February 12 and Major Haroldo Veloso and Captain Jose Chaves Lameirno stole a small air force plane in Rio de Janeiro and fled to the jungles of Northeastern Brazil.

They "captured" the Amazon village of Sanatrem, along with the small airfield nearby and enlisted well-armed native Indians in a private army of their own, according to reports reaching here.

Joined Forces

Airline passengers arriving from Belem said two other air force officers and 27 enlisted men, dispatched from Belem to capture Veloso and Lameirao, joined forces with the rebels and added their C-47 cargo plane to the new little "air force".

The group was also believed to be in control of the airfield at Jacareacanga. Control of Santarem placed them in a position to cut river communications between Belem and Manaus, capital of the State of Amazonas.

Unconfirmed reports said they also captured Puerto Moz, midway between Santarem and Belem, although this was denied by the air force authorities.

Pilots of commercial planes said they were unable to land at Santarem, Jacareacanga or Puerto Moz because the airfields were littered with oil drums and tree trunks to prevent landings.

Strong Action

Brazilian newspapers urged the government to take strong action against the rebels, whose motives for the uprising were not fully explained.

The air force and the navy have expressed deep resentment against the army for invoking the state of siege last November to prevent a plot to keep Senhor Kubitschek from taking office.

The Air Minister, Senhor Alves Secco, under criticism for many months for acting too cautiously against the rebel officers, issued a decree ordering Veloso and Lameirno to surrender before February 20 and face charges of desertion.—United Press.

First Theatre In 300 Years

London, Feb. 19.

Administrators of the City of London — the square mile business and commercial section in the heart of Metropolitan London — have approved plans for the city's first new theatre in more than 300 years.

It will be on a bombsite. The new building, to be called the Mermaid Theatre, will be next door to where the Blackfriars Theatre stood in 1600. There the plays of Shakespeare, Johnson and Fletcher were first produced.

The Mermaid will seat about 750 people and cost not less than £12,000 to build.—China Mail Special.

Farm Surpluses

IKE'S OFFER TO COLD EUROPE

Thomasville, Feb. 19.

President Eisenhower today offered surplus American farm products to Western European countries which have been subjected to a protracted cold wave.

President Eisenhower, who is resting here, said in a statement that the American people would "deem it a great privilege" to help relieve the suffering in Europe.

He said that he had observed "with growing concern" reports of suffering and damage during the severe cold spell and that he wanted "to extend my country's deep felt and sincere concern for the suffering peoples in the afflicted area."

May be Gift

The White House Press Secretary, Mr James Hagerty, told newsmen that he did not know whether the products would be an outright gift. He said existing legislation permitted the disposal of surplus products as a gift, in exchange for other products or by sale.

Mr Hagerty recalled that two years ago, the United States gave flood-stricken European countries surplus products as outright gifts.—France-Presse.

CLASSICS FOR ESKIMOS

Copenhagen, Feb. 19.

Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist," Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe" and John Steinbeck's "The Pearl," are among literary classics to be translated this year into the Eskimo language for the benefit of Greenland's 25,000 inhabitants.

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TIGER HUNTS ARE OFF

Moscow, Feb. 19.

Tiger hunting has been banned in the Soviet maritime territory on the Southeast coast of Siberia, opposite Northern Japan, it was learned in Moscow today.

The local authorities imposed the ban after it had been discovered that 33 tigers of a variety living in the Ussuri river region had been captured during the past five years and 20 of them shot.

To prevent the total disappearance of the animal, the authorities have decreed that their capture will be authorised only for delivery to zoos.—France-Presse.

MISS FINLAND—1956

Meet (and don't you wish you could?) Miss Finland of 1956. She's 18-year-old Miss Sirpa Koivu of Salo, and she was awarded her title at a recent contest in Helsinki attended by 6,000 lucky spectators. Next stop for Miss Finland—Miss Universe? — Express Photo.

5-Year-Plan Report Held Up By Mammoth Debate

Moscow, Feb. 20.

Debate on the mammoth policy speech delivered by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party Secretary, continues today when the party's 20th congress resumes in the Kremlin palace.

Delegates yesterday attended a reception in the palace and some of the party leaders attended special theatre and ballet performance last night.

But the party newspaper Pravda disclosed new details of attacks made in the congress on the "cult of personality"—the one-man rule during the Stalin regime.

The newspaper yesterday published an attack made on Friday by Mr Georgi Malenkov, once Stalin's righthand man and his successor as Premier, who joined other party leaders in welcoming the return to collective leadership and party life as laid down by Lenin.

Great Damage

Mr Malenkov, who was dropped as Premier a year ago, said perversion of the personality cult had "resulted in arbitrariness and in time caused great damage to the cause of the party and national leadership."

His disavowal of his former chief followed a week of attacks on the "cult of personality" in which Stalin's name was not actually mentioned until Thursday, when Mr Anastas Mikoyan, a First Deputy Premier, raised the cry.

Mr Mikoyan criticised faults in economics, foreign affairs and history during the Stalin regime.

On Wednesday

The continuing debate on Mr Khrushchev's keynote speech has caused another postponement of the report on the sixth five-year plan to be made by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Prime Minister.

He was to deliver the report on Friday and then was expected to speak today. But now it is not expected that he will address the congress before Wednesday.—Reuter.

Caodaist 'Pope' Joins Govt Opponents

Saigon, Feb. 19.

The "Pope" of the Caodaist political-religious Vietnam sect, Pham Cong Tac, has joined other opponents of the South Vietnam government in exile at Phnom Penh, an informed source said in Saigon tonight.

It was also understood here that General Le Van That, Deputy Commander of the Cao Dai army, has joined the anti-government dissident elements of the sect.

Government forces tonight occupied the Cao Dai Holy See of Tay Ninh, North of Saigon. They moved in to restore order between opposing factions within the sect, who were fighting each other.

The Pope fled just before the government troops moved in.—France-Presse.

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West Indies Federation May Soon Be In Existence

2 MAJOR PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED

London, Feb. 19.

The dream of welding Britain's scattered sugar-and-spice islands of the Caribbean into one nation has moved significantly nearer to accomplished fact in the past few days, West Indian political circles in London agree.

Sixteen men, speaking for three million islanders sweeping from Trinidad, northwest across the Caribbean to Jamaica, have been locked in conference here for days.

Little has been disclosed of their progress—but more than one delegation has booked air passages home for next Thursday.

A reliable conference source said last night: "It is impossible to say how near we are to success because the whole situation is like a jig-saw. There are a number of pieces ready to be moved into place, if only we can marry them with the next pieces we shape."

Customs & Capital

Delegation sources say there are two major decisions still to be taken—and two more which are only relatively less tricky.

The major hurdles are: How soon are the federating islands to be promised a customs union? and: Where shall the capital be?

The "customs union" has provoked the keenest debates—in the caucus meetings of delegates which characterised the opening week of the conference and in the daily plenary sessions of the past week.

It was also incarnated the major personal duel of the conference between the chief delegates of the largest islands, Jamaica and Trinidad.

Mr Norman Manley, Socialist Chief Minister of Jamaica has been reluctant, delegation circles say, to be committed to an immediate customs union. The Jamaican opposition leader, Mr Alexander Bustamante, cabled his party's representative in the island's delegation, urging him to resist a customs union in the belief that it would flood Jamaica with cheap imports, so causing unemployment.

A Champion

Several smaller islands, who are eager for the free interchange of trade, found a champion in Trinidad, second only to Jamaica in size. The chief Trinidad delegate, the colourful ex-wrestler, Mr Albert Gomes, has branded federation as "meaningless" without a customs union.

Some delegates say that unless they are promised a free interchange of goods they will not accept the free movement of persons.

Delegates are considering over the weekend a paper drafted by British experts which seeks to harmonise the hopes and fears of a customs union.

The choice of a federal capital has not been debated yet but it is known that at least five islands hope to site it.

Grenada was favoured by a previous conference three years ago but its prospects were harmed by the havoc wrought there by the hurricane Janet last September.

Other Questions

Mr Manley has withdrawn Jamaica from what he calls "the capital stakes" to hasten agreement. But Trinidad, Barbados, and two small islands —Antigua and St Lucia — as well as Grenada are expected to make a case for it. This will be one of the last decisions of the conference.

The two other substantial questions still undecided are: How is the estimated £350,000 sterling a year to run the federal government to be raised? And: What power will Britain retain in the federation.

The proposal in the blueprint before delegates to levy special taxes on rum, sugar and petrol for federal revenue has faced sharp resistance. But delegates believe that a formula will be found to meet objections.

Hostile Reaction

Britain's position—the proposed reserved power of the Governor-General and the three officials nominees in the federal cabinet of 14—has also been under fire.

The Jamaican delegation has a "seven point mandate" in which a bid to trim Britain's continuing power occupied two points.

Delegation circles say the British reaction was hostile to their proposals but some modification may still be negotiated.

The proposed federation will link Jamaica, Trinidad—1,000 miles away, and Barbados, with the four Windward Islands—Grenada, Dominica, St Lugia and St Vincent—and three of the Leeward Island group who have been defederated in readiness.

The constitution will follow roughly the Australian model. All power not specifically federal will remain with the island governments.

Share Facilities

The British Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, who has presided over six of the seven conference sessions so far, has promised to hurry a bill through Parliament this summer to give effect to the federation if the present conference is "conclusive."

The American continental mainland territories of British Guiana and British Honduras will not join the federation at the outset. But both have sent observers to the conference and will share in the federal judicial facilities. Observers believe that if federation prospers both colonies will join later.—Reuter.

Why Do They Yawn?

Paris, Feb. 19.

French scientists yesterday began work at Pau—the "sleepiest town in all France"—to find out what makes the people yawn so much.

At a new research centre, they will test the soft relaxing winds that sigh over Pau, in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

They will also test humidity and probe the layers of radioactive mineral dust in the town.

Pau is noted for its rest cures. The new bioclimatical centre above the town's casino will also study climatic influences on the health of patients taking cures.—China Mail Special.

FOREIGN AID PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Washington, Feb. 19.

FORMATION of a "committee for an effective foreign aid programme" to give economic and technical assistance to underdeveloped countries was announced today.

The co-chairmen are Mr Morris Llewellyn Cooke, Philadelphia engineer and former rural electrification administrator, and Dr Dewey Anderson, economist and author and executive director of the Public Affairs Institute.

"We believe that President Eisenhower's 'atoms for peace' proposal and President Truman's Point Four programme are by all odds the most constructive departures in recent American foreign policy," they said in a joint statement. "But both have tended to become propaganda devices, administered grudgingly, with many scoldings, often serving as small carrots in the cold War while nuclear weapons served as the big stick."

The co-chairmen said the 130 Americans who joined in forming the committee were "not straitjacketed by some rigid conception of American aid" to underdeveloped areas, but wanted to "lift it to the central policy position it requires if it is to be an effective instrument for peace."

Members of the committee include the former Attorney-General, Mr Francis Biddle, the former Agriculture Secretary, Mr Charles Brannan, the writer Pearl S. Buck, Supreme Court Justice William Douglas, Governor George Leader of Pennsylvania and Governor William Marland of West Virginia.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

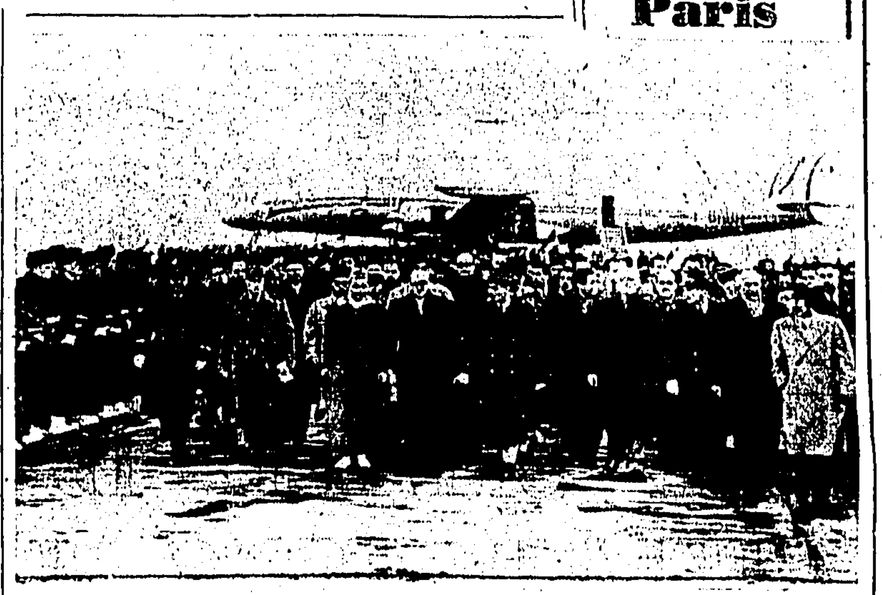
1 Discharged (6).
4 Horrify (5).
7 Set fire to (6).
8 Commence (5).
10 Support (4).
12 Shows off (7).
15 Be repeated (5).
16 Repose (4).
17 Rodents (4).
19 Minute passages in skin (5).
20 Keep up (7).
21 Prophet (4).
23 Hasten (6).
24 Cruel (6).
25 Scrutinise (5).
26 Frank (6).

DOWN

1 Footwear (6).
2 Marriage partners (6).
3 Consumes (4).
6 Gets ready (8).
6 Tolerates (6).
9 Nobleman (5).
11 Plagued (8).
12 Scholar (5).
13 Abandoned (8).
14 Alarmed (8).
18 Majestic (6).
22 Extent (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 3 Molasses, 8 Adored, 9 Reliable, 11 Despised, 12 Keep, 13 Demon, 18 Denes, 19 Lien, 22 Meddling, 24 Corporal, 25 Cerise, 26 Deserves. Down: 1 Maids, 2 Morse, 3 Merited, 4 Odes, 5 Arid, 6 Sobbed, 7 Sleeps, 10 Lemon, 14 Motor, 15 Needles, 16 Placid, 17 Hearts, 20 Mimic, 21 Agree, 22 Moor, 23 Daco.

Sultan In Paris



Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, the Sultan of Morocco, arrived in the French capital recently. Pictured is the scene on his arrival at Orly Airfield. From left are: General Ganeval (deputising for President Coty); the Sultan; Premier Mollet; General Zeller; Foreign Minister Pineau; French Morocco's Resident-General Dubois. Behind the Sultan is his son, Prince Moulay Hassan. — Express Photo.

Rahman Meets Nasser

Malaya To Exchange Envoys

Cairo, Feb. 19.

Tengku Abdul Rahman, Chief Minister of Malaya, said before leaving Cairo for Singapore that he would send a representative to Egypt to foster cultural relations.

"When we have our independence, we shall exchange diplomatic relations with Egypt," he told reporters here.

Tengku Abdul Rahman stopped in Cairo for two days for talks with the Egyptian Premier, Colonel Nasser, on his way home from London, where he reached agreement with the British government for the independence of Malaya within the Commonwealth by August 1957.

Bound With Britain

Tengku Abdul Rahman said Malaya was bound with Britain militarily and economically.

The Tengku arrived here on Friday and left late last night. During his stay here, he had talks with Colonel Nasser, Colonel Anwar el Sadat, the Egyptian Minister of State and Secretary-General of the all-Islamic Congress, and the British Ambassador, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan.

Before leaving, he thanked Colonel Nasser for the sympathy he had shown to Malayan students in Cairo and expressed his appreciation of a special programme prepared by Egyptian state broadcasting for Malaya.—Reuter.

SERVICES FOR CRASH VICTIMS

Valletta, Feb. 19.

Funeral services for 44 of the victims of the York transport plane crash here and of the plane's captain will take place on Monday at the military cemetery. The bodies of four crew members will be flown to Britain for burial.

Senior officials of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation were on the scene after a night flight from Britain. Both were concerned in investigating plane crashes in the Mediterranean.

Only Spectator

The only known spectator of the York's crash was said to be an elderly woman tending goats near the scene. She reported seeing the plane smoking as it came down. One man said he saw the plane turn over on its back before dropping.

It was reported that the plane's captain had been advised by the Luqa airport control tower that the plane was smoking, and replied "Roger, stand by just in case," just before the crash.—United Press.

BARBER AT 6

Madrid, Feb. 19.

Six-year-old Pepito Martinez, stands on a stool to shave customers at his father's barber's shop at Elche. He is Spain's youngest barber.

He cuts hair too, but only of children.—China Mail Special.

Abbey Becoming Congested

London, Feb. 19.

Westminster Abbey, best-loved shrine in the British Commonwealth, is so crowded with the graves of the great and near-great of the past 600 years that "within a short time" there will be no space for further burials.

For centuries, the British have made the noble Gothic abbey a valhalla for the men and women they honoured most with the result that now the Dean of Westminster is wondering where to find room for the eminent of this century.

The Shah of Persia

Shah Discusses Middle East Problems

New Delhi, Feb. 19.

The Shah of Persia had a discussion on Middle Eastern problems today with Prime Minister Nehru, on the eve of his departure from Delhi.

The talks were informal but it is understood that Iran's attitude towards the Bagdad Pact, of which she is a member, was discussed.

India has opposed the pact.

The Shah and Queen Soraya left tonight by train for Bhakra Dam in Punjab—the biggest river project now under construction in India.

Their fortnight's tour of India will include a big game hunt in Mysore and a visit to industrial and agricultural projects.—Reuter.

Autobahn Patrol

Duesseldorf, Feb. 19.

Germany's four-lane Autobahn, which was terrorised a few months ago by a series of highway robberies, will soon be patrolled by special police in fast sports cars.

A group of 40 expert drivers has been chosen to man the radio equipped sports cars, which are capable of reaching 110 miles an hour.

Police hope soon to add helicopters to this "Autobahn task force." — China Mail Special.

For the past 30 years and more, the problem has been discussed from time to time but without a solution evolving.

It came up again recently, when it was announced that Lord Trenchard, "Father of the Royal Air Force," was to be cremated and his ashes interred next week in the RAF Chapel in the Abbey.

Nobles Acquired Vaults

The Dean, Dr Alan Don, the only one who may grant permission for the burial within the abbey precincts, said that owing to lack of space both inside and outside the abbey, the position was such that "within a short time" no further burials would be able to take place.

In the Middle Ages when the abbey was still young, only kings, queens and high ecclesiastics were buried there.

But by the time of the reign of Elizabeth I, the nobles began to acquire vaults in the abbey and erected many large and beautiful monuments.

The bones of Elizabeth herself lie within the abbey near those of Mary, Queen of Scots.

In the 17th century, the English poets began to move into poets' corner. Chaucer lies there with Dryden, Spencer, Tennyson and Rudyard Kipling.

Ben Johnson was buried standing upright.

More Congested

In the last century, when an eminent Victorian was interred, Johnson's head rolled out. It lies beneath the pavement near the abbey, walked over daily by thousands of Londoners.

In Queen Victoria's time, the abbey became even more congested with huge and often ungainly monuments.

The monuments still stand although there are many who urge their removal.

Nowadays, the practice of cremation has meant that small flat slabs in the ground have replaced the monuments.

Pre-eminent Service

Prime Ministers, authors, architects and deans of the abbey are honoured with burial there.

Lord Trenchard will be buried there "in view of his pre-eminent services to the country and unique services to the RAF," the Dean said.—China Mail Special.

3 REBELS KILLED

Constantine, Feb. 19.

At least three Algerian rebels were killed last night when a strong band attacked a village some 16 miles north of Constantine, it was reported today.

The villagers successfully held off the attackers, who abandoned the attack after an hour. One member of the village security guard was killed and a second wounded.

Rebels who attacked two European farms in the Constantine region last night were also successfully beaten off.—France-Presse.

WESTERN TRADE WITH REDS

State Department Unable To Head Off Investigators

Washington, Feb. 19.

The State Department tried to head off a Congressional investigation of Western trade with Communist nations on grounds that the inquiry might displease some of America's allies, informed sources said today.

These sources said the Under-Secretary of State, Mr Herbert Hoover Jr, told the Senate Investigating Sub-Committee that public hearings on the touchy subject might cause an uproar in such countries as France and Italy, whose parliaments include large Communist delegations.

East-West trade also is a sore subject between the United States and Britain.

Britain insists it must trade with Iron Curtain countries to bolster the British economy.

Mr Hoover, who testified at a closed sub-committee hearing on Tuesday, lost his argument. The Senate went ahead with the inquiry and will resume public hearings tomorrow.

Called To Explain

Top administration officials will be called to explain why the United States has agreed to let its allies sell strategic goods to Russia and her satellites despite the fact that it has such sales itself.

A spokesman said Mr Hoover told the sub-committee that the United States made the best deal it could at a meeting in Paris in mid-1954 when officials of 15 non-Communist world nations relaxed international export controls on strategic shipments to Iron Curtain countries.

Secret List

Although sub-committee members strongly criticised the administration's stand, Mr Hoover insisted that the international organisation was voluntary. He said the United States could not stop other nations from trading with the Reds if they wanted to.

The sub-committee expects to get from the Commerce Department tomorrow a list of 100 to 150 items which the United States recommended that the Paris meeting control. The sub-committee has sought the list for months but the administration argued that it was secret.

Lost Punch

The spokesman also said Mr Hoover told the Senators that the so-called Battle Act, which allows the President to cut off US aid to nations trading with the Communists had lost much of its punch because US aid to many nations had fallen to a trickle.

This in effect left the United States only moral persuasion as a pressure weapon.—United Press.

ILLITERACY HIGH IN ITALY

Milan, Feb. 19.

At least 12 Italians out of 100 are completely illiterate, Italy's leading newspaper said today.

The noted journalist Luigi Barzini Jr. said in a front-page article in Milan's Corriere della Sera that illiteracy was growing as a result of poor living conditions, insufficient school facilities and faults of the education system.

Signor Barzini said a census covering two-thirds of Italy showed that 12.5 per cent of Italians over six years of age were illiterate. He said some experts estimated that, including persons who had forgotten what little they learned at school, the figure might rise to 40 per cent, comprising 20 per cent completely illiterate and 20 per cent nearly illiterate.

Was Worse

The problem was worse in poverty-stricken Southern Italy, Signor Barzini said. Among youths called up for military service, illiteracy ranged from one to 10 per cent in the Northern and Central Provinces and reached 40 to 50 per cent in the south, with a peak of 53 per cent in the province of Cagliari, Sardinia.

Signor Barzini said the actual overall figures were higher than those shown by the soldiers' census, because there were more illiterates among women and old people.—United Press.

COMMUNISTS CONFESS TO ERROR

London, Feb. 19.

THE Soviet and other European Communist parties today admitted that the prewar Communist Party in Poland was dissolved by the Communist International in 1938 on the strength of "fabricated evidence," the Polish news agency PAP reported.

The central committees of the Soviet, Polish, Italian, Bulgarian and Finnish Communist parties issued a statement to that effect in today's Trybuna Ludu, organ of the Polish Communist Party.

The statement recalled that in 1938 the executive committee of the Communist International decided on the dissolution of the Polish Communist Party "on the strength of an accusation alleging widespread infiltration by a hostile agency into the rank and file of the leadership of the party.

"It has now been established that the accusation was based on evidence fabricated by provocateurs who have since been unmasked," the statement said.

"Having considered the evidence on this question the central committees of the Communist parties of the Soviet Union, Italy, Bulgaria and Finland together with the central committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, have reached the conclusion that the dissolution of the Communist Party of Poland was unfounded," the statement said.—Reuter.

Luftwaffe Operational By 1960

Bonn, Feb. 20.

The new West German air force, it is hoped, will have a complete tactical fighting force by 1960 consisting mainly of jet fighters and reconnaissance aircraft, according to a high ranking air force officer here.

The first flying units are to be ready by spring 1957, probably equipped with United States jet fighters and some United States reconnaissance aircraft.

The air force will eventually consist of 20 squadrons, with a total of about 1,500 aircraft and 80,000 men, including the ground staff.

The new air force, the air officer said, has before it a considerable task of training old Luftwaffe men or new recruits, in building up the large technical facilities needed, in getting modern aeroplanes and at the same time helping the aircraft industry to get started again after a lapse of 11 years.

It is, however, being helped by the United States air force and the British air force.—China Mail Special.

Osaka, Feb 19.

A university graduate here sued his father, a farmer, for 240,000 yen (£240) claiming that his father promised to pay his tuition fees but defaulted.

The court rejected the plea. The judge ruled that "the grant of schooling is legally a gift and not a right." — China Mail Special.

ASPECTS OF LIFE IN SPAIN:

YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES

By GEORGE MANNERING

Madrid.

MANY modern advantages which are taken for granted in most of the countries of Western Europe are either non-existent in Spain, or operate at what most foreigners regard as a shockingly low level of efficiency.

For example, in what other European capital would you find (as you do in every residential district of Madrid) "on-the-spot" dairies where you can stand on the pavement and watch your daily milk supply being hand-produced from one of the 20 to 30 cows which are permanently tethered in a long, narrow stable wide open to the street.

And where else but in Spain would you hire half-a-dozen one-manpower handcarts to carry your furniture and household belongings when you move into a new flat, or see diminutive donkeycarts delivering goods to your grocer?

Where else, for that matter, are the streets crowded with housewives doing their morning shopping accompanied by uniformed maids carrying big wicker baskets, in which they will take home the day's purchases?

DISTANT DAYS

And where else is it still customary to send letters by hand instead of through the post, or to expect your smartly liveried chauffeur not only to open the door of your car when you enter or leave it but to stand cap in hand as he does so?

It savours of the distant days before the First World War of 1914-18. But in fact that bygone era is still strikingly represented in some of the aspects of Spain—and especially among Spain's children.

Nowhere else in the world will you find 20th century youngsters playing the games their grandparents played, dressed as though they were going to a carefully timed (and strictly controlled) walk in the park, and shepherded by aproned and bonneted nursemaids who look as though they had just stepped out of a 1901 "family album."

Here in Madrid, every time you walk down the street you are liable to trip over a spinning top, or get your legs entangled in one of the diabolos with which every Spanish schoolgirl seems to be equipped.

These pastimes are indulged in by immaculately dressed boys wearing snow-white sailor suits, or girls in starched and goffered organdie frocks concealing broderie anglaise petticoats threaded with baby ribbon.

Girls who in almost any other country would be thinking about a job, or even marriage, merrily bowl iren or wooden hoops along the pavement, and boys of 16 happily play "touch" from tree to tree in every avenue and park.

And even teenage boys and girls have an extraordinary fear of the smallest pet dog, running to take refuge behind their nusemaids' skirts whenever they see one coming.

Dogs aren't household pets as yet in Spain, although the custom is gradually beginning to become fashionable.

MEMORIALISTAS

In another of Spain's cities I came across a curious survival from the age of ignorance—professional letter-writers of the kind who still flourish in the Far East.

Standing in the shadow of an ancient church, I saw a row of booths like sentry-boxes in size and shape. It is in these that the professional scribes of Barcelona await their customers.

Even with the spread of education the letter-writers somehow keep going, although they have lately abandoned picturesque quills for rickety, second-hand typewriters.

All the *memorialistas*, as these professional secretaries are called, are elderly men whose air of wisdom and knowledge is enhanced by spectacles and white hair. And it is obvious that their illiterate customers regard them with appropriate awe.

The clients sit opposite the *memorialistas*, describing their sentiments and trusting to the scribes to express these in suitably impressive language.

The letter-writers used to do a really big trade in passionate love letters, which could be ordered "with or without tears"—the former costing ten percent extra.

"You again! PLEASE keep away—people will think we're a Socialist Party or something." London Express Service

ONE SMALL BATTLE THAT HE'S LOST

Mr Jim Griffiths, by 30 votes over Mr Bevan, becomes deputy leader of the Socialist Party; he has won one of the battles of his life. But his present security and future power depend on his and his party's winning a lot more battles—millions of them: the battle for members and the votes that put men like Mr Griffiths on the pinnacles of politics. This — by a new writer — is the story of one battle he has lost.

By DONALD GOMERY

I SUPPOSE I should have joined the Socialist Party many years ago. I was of the stuff that makes good Socialists.

There were the young days.....

You still lived in a "nice" house, though it wasn't easy to keep up with the mortgages, and you went to a "good" school because you had passed an exam. And in the mornings you stuffed cardboard into your shoes, though you knew it would not last long in *that* rain.

You were the only one who went out regularly in the mornings because the others of the family were among the 3,000,000 who would not be going to work that day. Or the next day.

At night in the summer you snatched up a paper to see whether Sutcliffe, who was your hero, had scored a century. In the winter you supported Aston Villa because Wolves were in the Third Division.

And last thing at night you cut out another piece of cardboard to stick in your shoes next day.

I would have joined the Socialist Party then if I had known about such things.

FIGHTING

THEN you left school and one day you carefully sharpened a pencil at both ends to report a man who was "C. R. Attlee, Deputy-Leader of the Socialist Party," and this for you was a big occasion.

A day or two later you sharpened another pencil and went to report a man named W. J. Brown, who was an Independent Socialist. Fighting talk. This was the sort of thing the Socialist Party needed.

This was the same W. J. Brown whom you can now hear on TV outdoing the Tories with his Toryism.

So much then for the judgment of youth.

You grew a little older very slowly, and you talked excitedly, to whoever would listen, about Manchuria and Abyssinia and Hoare-and-Laval. Men shouted in the market square and waved their arms.

You were still in your teens. (There was no such word as teenager.) You still heard it said how wonderful it was that children no longer ran the streets barefooted. Sutcliffe still scored centuries. And the Wolves had raced through the Second Division and were now in the First.

BOILING

YOU *hated* Hitler. You *hated* Mussolini. You *hated* Franco. You *wept* because of Chamberlain. Real hate. Real tears. And you thought how wonderful it would be to fight in Spain.

I almost joined the Socialist Party then.

Then everything boiled over (of course you'd been right all along) and you forgot about Parties.

It was when Victory came that you realised half a generation had grown up that knew nothing of the prewar things that *you* knew: who did not know what all this business of politics was about. So you told them about Baldwin's sealed lips and the Means Test and Appeasement and the coal owners.

I must have won a score of votes for the Socialists then.

But you were not out yet, and there was the disturbing incident of the notice on the Naafi board.

Perhaps it has nothing to do with this story at all, but you feel that it has, for there was a thing called Educational and Vocational Training which was to fit us all for a life of peace, and the notice said: "Debate tonight. Is Britain now a second-rate Power?"

For some reason this made you extraordinarily angry, because you had always thought of Britain as great, Tory Government or Socialist Government, and you could not understand why anyone should be so stupid as to *suggest* that she might be second-rate—after winning the war too.

But now you were home again, Attlee was in No. 10, and all was well with the world. Or would be.

Actually you were not really home because you were one of 60,000 on a city's housing list. But that wasn't the Government's fault. (Twelve months later you were not so tolerant.)

And things were getting done. Coal was being nationalised, the railways were being nationalised.

WONDERING

ALL sorts of things were being nationalised. One day you even heard it suggested that Mr Bevan might like to nationalise the newspapers. And that made you sit up. Because you'd worked on newspapers for so long, and it would be impossible to work on newspapers if they were nationalised.

And you began to wonder how those other people in those other jobs like nationalisation. Sauce for the goose ought to be sauce for the gander. You began to wonder, in fact, whether you had been a bit of a hypocrite about this nationalisation.

You began to wonder about other things. Why, for instance, an intelligent man like John Strachey, whose books on Socialism you had read as a boy, could be so unintelligent as to try to make us eat snock.

Big things, little things . . . . I began to have doubts about the Socialist Party then.

GRUMBLING

YOU grew a lot older very quickly, and you never heard people arguing about politics much. Only grumbling about politics. Politics did not seem to matter much any more. Though young people still talked excitedly—about whether Johnnie Ray and Frankie Laine was the better. (I prefer Frankie).

DEPUTY LEADER

You even heard someone of your own age say: We shall have to start explaining who Hitler was soon. (After all, what had you cared about the Kaiser way back in the early 'thirties?)

Sutcliffe had long since stopped making centuries, and even Hutton never meant the same. But Wolves won first the Cup and then the League.

You still voted Socialist. You even pasted a rather small yellow poster in your window one election. Rather sheepishly—but all those blue notices in other windows looked so smug.

DECIDING

THEN Clem Attlee became Earl Attlee and Gaitskell took over as leader. And you thought: Now, at last, is the time to join the Socialist Party. A new leader, a new zeal.

But first you thought it all over. You thought it over for a long, long time. Right back from the beginning. Right up to Jim Griffiths. And you knew it was no use now.

Perhaps you had lost your spark. Perhaps the Socialist Party had lost its spark. Perhaps you felt that Socialism was not just men sitting round a table planning a new programme, but something that must always spring basically from the emotions.

Perhaps you felt there was something wrong about the Smithfield meat porters and the men in Coventry.

Perhaps it was just that life was a little too easy now. Perhaps because there was always a Friday pay packet.

Probably you'll go on voting Socialist. Certainly you'll never vote Tory. Maybe you would vote Liberal if there was any point in it.

But I'm sorry, Jim Griffiths, I shan't be joining you now.

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Can The Future Be Foretold?

To the candid opinion printed in the China Mail last Saturday — that the future CAN be foretold by the stars — comes this equally candid reply by an author-barrister known to millions. He does not believe in stars: but he does believe in ONE way to foretell the future.....

THROW AWAY THAT CRYSTAL BALL, MA'AM!

By EDGAR LUSTGARTEN

I CERTAINLY DO NOT BELIEVE that you can foretell the future by pure divination.

I DON'T BELIEVE in astrology, with its pseudo-scientific charts and diagrams. These so-called horoscopes, if closely analysed, generally prove vague to the degree of pointlessness.

'Business worries are impending"; "An old friend will turn up." Has any normal adult lived through any normal week which would not loosely justify predictions of this kind?

What man will not meet a dark woman in any coming year?

I DON'T BELIEVE that what some people call instinct and others intuition can define the shape of things to come.

Intuition

INTUITION — which most women claim and some possess — may work instantaneously as events occur, but it has not the power to work in precedence of events.

If a woman thinks she has met her fate on a first handclasp, and she turns out to be right, that may be intuition.

If a woman thinks her fate is waiting in the form of an unknown stranger at tomorrow's party, and she turns out to be right, that is accident.

NO, I can't convince myself that the future is to be pierced by the employment of irrational or mystical devices. But that is far from saying the future can't be pierced at all.

IT CAN, but by the exercise, not the banishment, of reason.

I BELIEVE that you can often foretell the behaviour, whether of persons or of groups, by carefully studying their behaviour in the past.

Examples

LET me cite two examples, one individual one collective.

If a man has a record of seizing opportunities for purposelessly murdering helpless little girls, one can foretell the future at least to this extent: given further opportunities, he will murder more.

If a nation has a record of repeatedly attacking its inoffensive neighbours whenever it commands sufficient military strength, one can foretell the future at least to the extent: given the military strength it will attack again.

Such a man is Straffen. Such a nation are the Germans.

Now this capacity to see ahead of us—acquired not through any hocus-pocus magic but through inferences drawn from solid fact—ought to be a gift of quite incalculable value.

It could enable us, in many cases, to *control* the future; to *direct* destiny; to avert evil before it can befall. But, whether because of folly or inertia, it is a gift we throw wantonly away.

Lesson?

WHAT was done with Straffen in 1952, when his next killing could be foretold with precision—and with precision could be *stopped*? Some one, no doubt meaning well, must have said, "He has learned his lesson; he won't do it again." So Straffen was allowed so much liberty at Broadmoor that in due course he escaped and destroyed another child.

What was done with the Germans between the two world wars, when their next onslaught could be foretold with precision —and with precision and resolution could be stopped?

Except for a few lone voices, England proclaimed: "They have learned their lesson; they won't do it again."

Even a second German world war does not seem to have greatly disturbed this majority opinion. As Sefton Delmer reports in despatches almost weekly the resurgence of the German military caste and cult and spirit, so do we avert our eyes from the future which that foretells, and amiably assist them to restore their shattered arms. They have learned their lesson; they won't do it again.

More sense

IT was truly said that we learn from history that we do not learn from history. The lessons are there all right, but we do not profit from them.

The animal world, with lesser mental equipment, shows more sense. I have never heard of an antelope hanging round a tiger on the off-chance that he has learned his lesson; that he won't do it again.

The antelope will have seen other antelopes torn to bits, maybe will have himself been chased within an ace of death. He, too, can foretell the future—if he stays where he is. He goes.

We have immense advantages over the antelope. We have books and newspapers and records and statistics. Above all, we have the logical machines with which we think. Of course we can foretell the future—far better than he.

Much good does it do us.

TOMORROW CANDID OPINION NO. 3

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE men who commit crimes with a definite object now have a number of rivals in the field, amateurs who go to work for the sheer fun of the thing.

The marksmen who sit by the roadside and fire at passing cars or buses, and the people who place bombs in churches, are examples of the new trend. But an amateur in New York thought of a more practical and more amusing idea. He went to a play and, when it was over, presented himself at the box-office with a revolver. He complained that as he had not enjoyed the show he wanted everybody's money back.

How do you—(pop!)—do?

A HINT on etiquette says that if both your hands are full you cannot be expected to take off your hat to a lady. Very polite men with full hands should wear a hat with a spring attached. When the left shoulder is twitched the spring is released, and up jumps the hat from the head without more ado, and then settles back in position. The lady, suppressing her mirth, inclines her head gracefully to acknowledge the unorthodox salute.

A pretty idea

THERE is a suggestion that in the next Budget an increase of a shilling in the pound on income tax will be called compulsory saving. The amount compulsorily saved would of course be regarded as a debt owing to the taxpayer, who has already had some experience of this neat trick in the matter of post-war credits. Why should not this so-called Government apply compulsory saving to the whole of every personal income and then pay back each year or so a special amount calculated, by experts, to be sufficient to keep us alive? The Government, by this method, would have enough in hand to raise the pay of M.P.s and construct a really effective atom bomb.

Thus wags the world

ELECTRIC irons interfere with television, television interferes with radio. The question is, does an electric razor, fitted to a radio, cancel the interference of electric irons with television, or does the whole thing become a jolly rolly-molly and tumble-cum-trivy, a *brouhaha*, a *tohubohu*, a veritable ragamadollo of sound and fury, signifying popular entertainment? And now, I read, you may receive upon your radio signals which are said to be coming from Jupiter. Let who will, electric gadget in hand, interfere with the planets! To your kennel, abominable reader.

Tail-piece

ADVICE to people with double chins not to "take them too seriously" is refreshingly sensible. Call your record chin Cape Wrath, and waggle it to make the children laugh.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Proper Play Catches King

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE bidding of today's hand was aggressive but reasonable. North was quite willing to be in a slam contract as long as South could indicate that he had length and strength in both of the red suits.

West opened the king of spades, and declarer won at once with dummy's ace, discarding a low club from his hand. He cashed the dummy's ace of clubs. Declarer next drew three rounds of trumps, ending in the South hand, after which it was clearly time to do something about the hearts.

In the absence of bidding by the opponents, South would ordinarily develop the hearts by cashing the ace and then leading towards the queen. The success of the slam would then depend on finding the king of hearts in the West hand.

In this case, however, South knew that West held at least 10 cards in the black suits. Since West had already followed suit to one round of diamonds, it was clear that West could hold only two hearts at most.

	NORTH	22
	♠ A J 9 6 4	
	♥ Q 7 5	
	♦ K Q 9 3	
	♣ A	
WEST		EAST
♠ K Q 10 8 5		♠ 7 3 2
♥ 10 2		♥ K J 4
♦ 6		♦ 8 7 5
♣ K J 10 9 5		♣ 8 6 4 2
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ None	
	♥ A 9 8 6 3	
	♦ A J 10 4 2	
	♣ Q 7 3	

Both sides vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	Double	Pass
2 ♦	3 ♣	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♠ K

South therefore began the hearts by leading a low card from his hand towards the dummy. When West played the deuce of hearts without a flicker, South quite properly decided that West had not started with the king-deuce of hearts.

Having thus located the king of hearts, South finessed dummy's five of hearts, and East was obliged to win with the jack. East returned a spade, and South ruffed in his own hand. He got to dummy by ruffing his last club with dummy's last trump, and then led the queen of hearts through East.

It didn't matter whether or not East covered with the king. The defenders could win no further tricks, for the queen of hearts picked up the ten at the same time.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

BORN on this first day of the incoming sign, Pisces, you are ruled by Jupiter, the god of wisdom and Neptune, the god of inspiration. This duality in your nature gives you a poetic, inspirational and highly idealistic character. Life may not always be easy for you, for you are such an individualist that not everyone understands you at first meeting. Your loyalties are very strong and you will make tremendous sacrifices for those you love.

You have a keen sense of duty and you are tenacious to the point of being stubborn. You have a sunny nature and a bright sense of humour. You can always see the joke, even on yourself. You have a feeling for the dramatic and know how to present the most ordinary events in a humorous, even satirical light.

Your attraction for the opposite sex is strong, but guard against being too particular—or you might end up by not wedding at all.

Among those born on this date are: Joseph Jefferson, actor; Mary Garden, singer; William Prescott, soldier; Angelina Weld, reformer; Theodore Lyman and Henry F. Durant, philanthropists.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—This can be a banner day for profits, so take full advantage of all opportunities offered.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A fine time to combine business and social interests to your distinct advantage.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 22)—If searching for a new job, this could be just the time to find it. Romance is in the air, too.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Although family affairs take first place, you may also need to deal with public affairs.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Make the most of a good day such as this one. The stars appear to be entirely in your favour.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If planning some public entertainment—perhaps you are on the committee—all should go well.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Make the best of your talents and don't hide your light under a bushel. Publicise a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If contemplating a journey, then this is a good day to start out. The stars favour you.

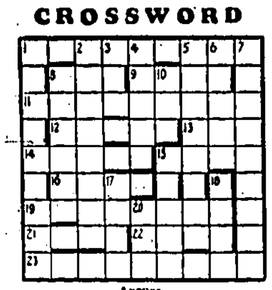
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A thoroughly social day. Entertain at home and enjoy yourself thoroughly. Everyone else does, too!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You might profit from inviting the boss out to lunch. Better yet, take him home for dinner!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Someone may show jealousy, so be guarded in all your action. Be calm; refuse to take offence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Domestic matters should be highly favoured today. Handle family affairs tactfully.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Sort of chase that is hardly worth while starting. (4, 5)
8. Snake to comfort a cold shoulder. (3)
9. Turn the tube. (4)
11. ... and maybe the man who could do it. (9)
12. Stirred in to a cook. (5)
13. God of cooking? (3)
14. They may stop a man saying "It's not my pigeon." (5)
15. Carried by those hell bound (4)
16. Not entitled, saint? (4)
18. Side is of bone. (8)
21. "But — ward look the land is bright." (4)
22. The unfastening part of undoubted strength. (4)
23. Generously. (8)

Down

1. One Across comes into this class. (5-4)
2. Maybe a fault a tailor can share it with 11 Across. (8)
3. Mother! It sounds shocking! (3)
4. Starts mouth-open. (5)
5. Beaten in the race. (8)
6. Rare dish often in America. (5)
7. Yet learns an anagram. (9)
8. Artist gets into the rubbish receptacles. (6)
10. Lord Tomnoddy went home to his. (3)
15. Arms And The Man heroine has an air, all right. (5)
17. Just the place. (4)
18. Fallen for a film. (4)
20. Sometimes linked with feather for a show. (3)

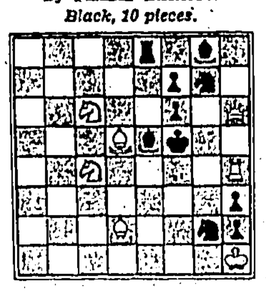
F	L	O	W	E	R	L	N	G
A	I	C	R	A	N	E	F	L
I	N	G	A	R	N	I	S	H
C	T	A	X	I	Q	U	E	T
A	S	S	O	C	I	A	T	E
G	A	I	L	Y	N	T	S	E
S	L	O	W	A	G	E	R	S
P	O	N	E	A	R	I	A	N
D	E	O	N	S	A	N	S	E

Saturday's solution.

CHESS PROBLEM

By PHILIP BARRON

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1, Kt—K5, any; 2, Q, R, B, or Kt mates.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Heart	Pass
?			

You, South, hold:

♠ 5 5 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A K 10 6 ♣ A Q J 4

What do you do?

A—Bid one no-trump. Avoid treating a minimum opening bid with only four-card suits like a real two-suiter.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ Q 5 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A K 10 6 ♣ A Q J 4

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

N	I	C
I	L	V
V	A	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals! no foreign words! no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 16 words, good; 20 words, very good; 25 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Acne acre afar anger area areca arena arrange cage cane carate care carnage crag cran cranage crane earn face facer fang farce fare fear FRAGRANCE garner gear grace nacre near race racer rage rance rang range ranger rare rear.

This Funny World

"He's eating solids now—books, food recipes, puzzles, chairs—"

WOMANSENSE

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STRAW AND CORAL FOR SUMMER

For the summer sun Jean Patou suggests a sweeping coral-coloured straw, worn with flower-shaped coral earrings.

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One medical word you should understand—

METABOLISM

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

ONE of the problems encountered in medical writing for non-medical readers is the choice of words which will be familiar to the person without medical education, but at the same time will express the medical meaning accurately without awkward repeated translations.

Occasionally one meets a word which must be explained, because there is no equivalent good enough to warrant substitution. Such a word is—metabolism.

This word is used medically to describe the process of converting body food supplies into heat, energy or tissue. It has been variously described as the sum total of chemical processes in the body; or as the use of oxygen by the body; or as the building and tearing down which goes on continuously. It is a word that the non-medical reader should learn to understand.

After food has been digested, it reaches the circulation in two principal ways. Non-fatty foods are partially changed into simpler forms in the stomach and the small intestine, and are then absorbed into the portal circulation, main circulatory highway from the intestines to the liver. Here they are further dealt with chemically.

Fats are taken up from the small intestine into lymph channels, through which they reach the blood stream in emulsified form by emptying into a great vein near the heart. From here on, metabolism begins.

TWO REQUIREMENTS

Metabolism has two basic requirements—all its processes take place in solution, and all involve oxygen. Many other substances, too, are necessary, especially hormones and enzymes (ferments). This explains the tremendous exchange of water in the body—taken in food and beverages and eliminated through skin, kidneys and bowels—and the constant respiratory exchange of oxygen for carbon-dioxide in the tissues and carbon-dioxide for oxygen in the lungs.

Fundamental to the whole process of metabolism are the inter-related glands of internal secretion, especially the thyroid, often called the governor gland. Like the governor on an engine, this gland controls the speed of the metabolic exchange through its hormone thyroxin, of which the essential constituent is iodine.

A test which measures the oxygen consumed by the resting body has been developed to supply an index to the metabolic rate. It is called the basal metabolic rate determination or BMR. It has been used extensively in helping to diagnose thyroid diseases or other conditions where the use of oxygen might be disturbed.

MEASURES OXYGEN

It is performed by placing a mask over the face so that the patient can breathe only in and out of the measuring chamber; the amount of oxygen used in a given length of time is determined, and by means of tabulations and calculations the basal rate can be established.

Patients have not infrequently become disturbed when they have found out that their basal rate is above or below normal. Actually, a variation from 15 percent above or below zero is common in normal persons. Also, the BMR is only part of the story—I wish more people could realise that the laboratory, important and helpful as it may be, is only part of the story.

It does not make the diagnosis for the doctor. It merely gives him information which he considers in the light of the patient's history and physical findings. He makes his diagnosis on the basis of all these factors.

With the advent of new methods, including radio-active isotopes, the value of the BMR has declined somewhat. It is still a highly useful source of information, particularly in thyroid diseases.

But to get back to where we started—METABOLISM is one medical word which you should learn to understand. It means everything that happens in your body: growth, tissue rebuilding, waste removal, heat production, and energy release.

It is what determines the kind of physical person you are, and it is closely bound up with emotions. The over-working thyroid or the sudden receiving of momentous news can have exactly the same effect.

EILEEN ASCROFT reports from Paris

Dior Launches The Arrow Line

STILL waging war on feminine curves, Dior launched his Arrow Lines in his latest collection.

Paris

Straight, slim skirts build up to interest in the large sleeves. These are cut in one with the body and are of varying length, rarely reaching the wrists.

There are few sleeveless dresses in this collection.

The bust is still flattened and ignored, and waists remain easy fitting.

A COME-BACK

Waist belts make a come-back but they are worn high above the natural waistline.

Jackets are shorter and have a loose, square line, more often worn with a skirt than a dress.

Dior calls this jacket a "Caraco," inspired by the short house-jackets women wore in the 18th century.

Slim topcoats have the same high look, with double-breasted fastenings and important sleeves.

Skirt lengths remain unchanged, necklines simple; with few collars. There are many square and round necks.

Daytime colours are navy-blue and white and all the blond beige shades.

Black strikes a strong note for cocktails.

For evening, colours are inspired by the wonderful lights of the opal stone.

With an eye on the approaching Rainier-Kelly wedding there is one curvaceous evening ensemble called Monte Carlo.

Serge takes over the former role of tweeds, and there are many alpacas, mixture materials of wool and silk, and Acrilan.

For evening, lingerie fabrics are of fine linen, muslin or organdie, threaded with ribbon and lots of printed silks, satin, lace and georgette.

Short evening dresses, both slim and full-skirted, are profusely embroidered with flower designs.

Styles that won't be copied:

Hats with floppy brims so low over the eye that you would need a guide-dog to get around.

That flat-chested look — I am sure women are tired of this unfeminine line.

I PREDICT....

Fashions for which I predict success:

Navy-blue and white teamed for spring. Small, straight blouses that end at the waist, made out of the suit material. Mob-caps of the same fabric as their companion dresses.

I think, too, the high-waisted girdles will catch on. Also the Caraco jacket and the opal and quartz jewellery.

There is a great interest in jewelled buttons, particularly ones that are intricately carved.

And I regret we shall be seeing many more of those unflattering strapless evening dresses.

Two of the most popular fashions will be the short jacket and the short sleeve in suits and daydresses.

Models wore their hair smooth and mostly long, waved back with no parting.

"Poodle haircuts are decidedly old-fashioned," says Dior.

Parasols accompany cotton frocks in many Paris collections. More feminine and more versatile than a beach hat, this Jacques Heim sunshade in pink-and-white cotton stripes has matching gloves and tiny cap.

For Frenchmen, Life Begins At 50

LIFE begins at 50 for the Frenchman, it seems, just when the Englishman is losing interest in all but his tummy.

"The middle-aged Frenchman sticks to his diet and doesn't drink"—this intriguing piece of information was given to me by brunette, hazel-eyed Colette Lefort, who is connected with the marketing of American health foods in Europe.

Englishmen, it seems, just don't care. But Frenchmen who have worked hard in their youth regard middle-age as a time of fun and conquest and they want to be at their best.

Strained carrot juice and yoghourt are daily items on their menus, with yeast foods and black molasses.

Englishmen regard these health foods as cranky. But I must admit I have seen more attractive middle-aged men here in Paris, complete with hair and figure, than I have ever seen in London.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Finding A Pot Of Gold

—It's Always At The Rainbow's Other End—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow, went down to the Old Oak and there, at the little door that led down to O'Cheer Hall, he found sitting in the sunshine the three cheerful Pixies: Pixie O'Grin, Pixie McChuckle and little Pixie O'Laff.

Knarf greeted each one of the Pixies by name.

"Hello, Knarf," grinned Pixie O'Grin.

"Hello, Knarf," chuckled Pixie McChuckle.

"Hello, Knarf," laughed Pixie O'Laff.

On The Door Step

Then Pixie McChuckle, who was the oldest, asked Knarf to sit down on the doorstep beside them.

"There isn't much room," he said to Knarf. "But if I sit on O'Grin's lap and O'Laff sits on my lap, there will be plenty of room for all of us."

But Knarf said he didn't mind standing.

"I came over to ask you about something," he said.

"I bet it's something funny," said Pixie O'Grin to the other two, whereupon they all burst out laughing.

"That's certainly the funniest thing I ever expected to hear," said Pixie O'Laff.

"Hold up," said Pixie McChuckle; "you haven't heard it yet. What is it, Knarf, this funny thing you want to tell us?"

Not Really Funny

"I don't think it's really anything funny at all," said Knarf. "This is what I want to know. Is there really a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?"

"Certainly there is!" said Pixie O'Grin. "There's always been a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

"There sure is," said Pixie O'Laff, "only—"

"Only what?" asked Knarf.

"Only this," said Pixie McChuckle. "The pot of gold is always at the other end."

Knarf said he didn't understand this.

"I'll explain it to him," said Pixie O'Laff.

"No, let me explain it," said Pixie O'Grin.

"You two boys keep quiet, I'll do the explaining," said Pixie McChuckle. "This is going to be pretty funny."

They All Laughed

At this, Pixie O'Grin, McChuckle and O'Laff all burst out laughing again. They laughed until they had to wipe their eyes.

"I never expect to explain anything so funny again in my whole life," said Pixie McChuckle. "Have you ever seen a rainbow?" he asked Knarf.

"Oh, yes," said Knarf.

"It has two ends, hasn't it?" said Pixie McChuckle.

Knarf nodded.

"Well," continued Pixie McChuckle, "both ends look exactly alike. There's only one pot of gold and two ends of a rainbow. How do you ever know which end of the rainbow the pot of gold is hanging at?"

"I don't know," said Knarf. "How can you tell?"

"It's simple," said Pixie McChuckle. "It's always the other end. What do you say, fellers?"

Merry Pixies

At this, the three merry Pixies went off into gales of laughter once more, saying that they never hoped no matter how long they lived to hear anything half so funny as what Pixie McChuckle had just told Knarf.

The Pixies were sitting in the sun.

"At the other end . . . always at the other—!" they roared.

Knarf didn't think it was funny at all but there was nothing he could do about it. Except that finally Pixie O'Grin stopped laughing long enough to say to Knarf: "There is one way to find the pot of gold at the right end of the rainbow."

"Oh, how? Tell me!" begged Knarf.

"Shall I tell him?" said Pixie O'Grin to his two brothers.

"Sure," they said, bursting with laughter. "Go ahead and tell him."

"This is what you do," said Pixie O'Grin to Knarf. "It's very simple. You just run in two directions at the same time."

Knarf walked slowly away but even so he could hear the laughter of Pixie O'Grin, Pixie McChuckle and Pixie O'Laff following him all the way home.

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—11

Rupert struggles further into the hollow tree until at last his fingers close round something hard. When he drops back he gasps in astonishment. In his hand is a gold medal on a green ribbon and a slender chain. "This hasn't been there long," he says. "It's too bright. That boy must have thrown it in. But why? Who can I ask?" Looking across a deep hollow he sees a second castle further off. "I believe the boy was taken that way," he mutters. "I wonder where he can be now?"

HAWAIIAN HASH

Leftover ham can be made into a tasty dish when combined with pineapple. For Hawaiian Hash, combine 2 cups each of cut-up, cooked ham and mashed sweet potatoes. Add a dash of mustard and ½ cup of pineapple juice. Pour into a buttered, shallow casserole and top with 8 half-slices of pineapple. Sprinkle with brown sugar and dot with butter. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) about 30 minutes.

R.A.F. — 2, ARMY — 2

CHARLESWORTH'S LATE LAPSE GIVES THE AIRMEN A LAST MINUTE EQUALISER

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The deep red glow that enveloped the Causeway Bay area late yesterday afternoon had nothing to do with the brightly lit circus big top, it had its beginning on Colony goalkeeper Charlesworth's face . . . it was in fact the blush of the season.

With just about a minute left for play in this Inter-Service game the Army looked to be coasting to a narrow victory. Suddenly Chesterman instead of making a tackle stood back and allowed Martin a clear kick upfield. The ball was relayed down the RAF right-wing and Bennett carried it ahead.

Eventually it came across to Leonard who, with little time to take aim, swung his boot at it and sent a half-hit shot in the direction of Charlesworth. The goalkeeper went down quickly enough but he appeared to misjudge the pace of the ball for it hit his half stretched hand and rolled into the net.

Charlesworth's headshake of disgust was a clear indication of what he thought about his effort . . . but he shouldn't worry too much . . . accidents happen . . . and football wouldn't be the grand and uncertain game it is without them.

This is the third time these two sides have met this season. One of the games—in the Senior Shield—was at the Club Stadium and was a rip-roaring affair. The other two have been played at Causeway Bay and produced disappointing affairs with neither side showing the form that has marked their play in other games.

This match did however have its moments but while there were spells of excitement around both goals there was a sad lack of constructive football.

VALUABLE POINT

The Airmen favoured the long hard hit ball driven deep into the opposing defence lines and as it brought them two goals and a very valuable point there is no doubt at all that their tactics were profitable.

The soldiers, on the other hand, played a much closer game, but with White partially incapacitated and Chesterman right out of touch, many of the moves that looked so good in approach broke down at the vital moment.

White appeared to damage a leg soon after the start and spent most of the game on the leftwing although he finished up at outside-right.

Play was keen and interesting enough in the early stages and Toth in the RAF goal had a quick opportunity to show his ability in cutting out cross balls from both wings.

McMillan opened the scoring for the soldiers in the 13th minute when he carried the ball to the right of the goal and gave Toth no chance at all with a fine cross shot.

At this stage the Army boys were doing the bulk of the attacking but the fast raiders on the RAF wings were always dangerous, and with the game just 25 minutes old a fast raid on the right-wing brought the equaliser. The ball was booted downfield to Bennett and the winger was off like a hare. Cutting into the penalty area he unleased a powerful shot at the Army goal. Charlesworth threw himself at it and succeeded in diverting it . . . but only as far as the onrushing Blagburn who cracked it into the net.

ONE GOAL ALL

The teams remained locked at one goal all until midway through the second half. The state of affairs was due to a fine display between the sticks by Toth and some very poor finishing by the Army forwards who had several good chances and flittered them away.

McInnes started the move that gave Chalmers the opening to put his side in the lead. The right-half carried the ball forward, beat one man and as the defence closed in he pushed the ball through to McMillan who just managed to prod it forward for Chalmers to drive it into the net. Chalmers had an even better chance a few minutes later but sent the ball wide of the upright.

The Airmen were by no means idle however and hard shots by Clark, Blagburn and a ferocious cross drive by Johnson were either blocked or charged down by desperate Army defenders.

At the other end, Toth got a big cheer when he made a flying dive at McLoughlin's feet to ease a dangerous situation but a few minutes later he was beaten all ends up by a curling lob from Chesterman which somehow screwed round the outside of the post.

CLOSING EFFORT

Just when it seemed the game was lost and won the Airmen made their closing effort and as I have told you earlier it brought an unexpected but not unmerited equaliser.

Toth had a fine game in the RAF goal and he got good assistance from Martin, Shepherd and Burns who all cleared their lines well. Johnston was the star middleman however and it was his strong play that started many raids.

McLennan was so closely marked by Mullett that he was never seen, but Bennett and Blagburn were always dangerous although they too were well covered. Leonard and Clark distributed play well but the inside-right seems to have lost his goal-scoring touch at the moment.

The Army defence played its usual tight marking game and, even without Robson who is unfit, looked strong enough to hold out. McInnes who had a very fine cultured game was always trying to push on his forwards . . . . but the men up front had a very ordinary day.

White was a passenger for most of the time and with Chesterman completely mastered by Shepherd it was left to Chalmers, McMillan and McLoughlin to do the real work . . . . but against the strong RAF defence three men were not enough.

VERDICT

A hard game with few classic trimmings.

TEAMS

RAF: Toth; Martin, Shepherd; Johnston, Burns, Roberts; Bennett, Clark, McLennan, Leonard, Blagburn.

Army: Charlesworth; Hogan, Tolfrey; McInnes, Mullett, Egerton; Chesterman, Chalmers, McMillan, White, McLoughlin.

ST. JOSEPH'S 4, EASTERN 9

If you like lots of goals for your money you should have been at Caroline Hill on Saturday when these two sides shared thirteen between them.

In the end it was a run-away victory for Eastern . . . . but at one stage in the game there were many Eastern pulses beating a little irregularly . . . . and here and there a wry smile betrayed anxiety.

The Saints, scorning reputations, went straight into the attack and with a spot of help from a defender Tse Kam-ho put them ahead in the third minute. Seven minutes later Assis made it two and when a penalty was awarded in the 22nd minute Tse Kam-ho put the Greens three goals up. This was a most unexpected state of affairs and with Eastern touching rock-bottom form, the deficit might very easily have been more. At this stage young Lau Chi-lum took a hand in the proceedings and two crackerjack goals in five minutes cut the Saints' lead to a solitary goal at the half-way stage.

EQUALISER

The same player got the equaliser just after the restart but St Joseph's struck back and Assis put them in the lead again only to see Chu Wing-keung square matters a few seconds later.

In the 60th minute Hau Ching-to put Eastern ahead for the first time and further goals by Chan Kar-sau (2) and Lau Chi-lum (2) merely served to emphasise the difference in class in the two teams.

Eastern, who missed Ko Pe-keung and Kwok Ying-lok, started badly and against a more experienced side than the Saints they might have paid dearly for their early lapses. Lau Chi-lum, with a personal goal tally of five excellent counters, was the hero of the piece and once he had shown the road to goal the others settled down to play something like their usual game.

For Saints it was a brave try . . . . but class will out.

PHILIPPINE TENNIS

Deyro Subdues Herb Flam To Win Singles Title

Manila, Feb. 20.

The first ranking Philippine tennis ace, Raymundo Deyro, yesterday subdued Herbert Flam, eighth seeded American player 6–2, 6–1, 7–5 to win the Philippine National Open Tennis Championship at the Rizal tennis stadium.

Flam was favoured to win but Deyro, capitalising on drop shots and erratic net play of the American, mangled Flam with passes and cross-court shots with devastating effect. — France-Presse.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Following were the results of Inter-School soccer matches played yesterday:

	Senior	
La Salle	0	K.G.V 0
St Stephens	0	Wah Yan Kln. 8
Q.E.S.	0	Queen's 6
St Louis	4	Chatham 0

St Joseph's received wo. from Clementi.

Aberdeen received wo. from Pool Sun.

SFX received wo. from King's.

	Intermediate	
SFX	1	Salesians 2
King's	0	Wah Yan Kln. 3

St Louis received wo. from Clementi.

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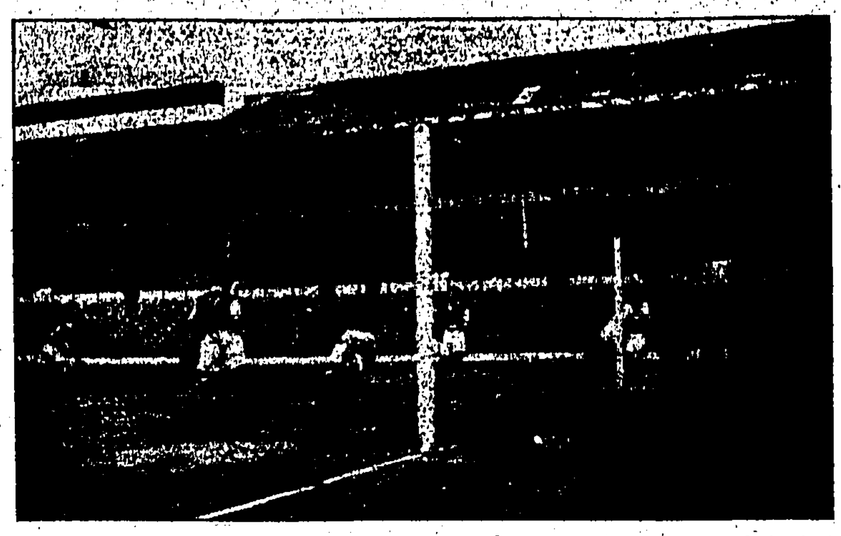

Disconsolate Burnley defenders stand aghast when Chelsea scored their first goal by Tindall on February 15 in the marathon Cup-tie struggle between the two teams at White Hart Lane ground, North London. Chelsea won 2-0.—Reuterphoto.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER

Weakened Army South Team Comes Close To Disaster

By "PAK LO"

Playing with their weakened side the Army South came mighty close to disaster on Saturday afternoon when, after combining well to take a five point lead at the interval, they fell away and let the Army North draw level with them at 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) in the second half.

In the previous match the Club, losing by 5 points to nil, drew level in the final minute with a fine try by Roberts to produce the unusual state of two draws in one afternoon.

At Kai Tak a weak Police side held the RAF to only a three point win, the final score being RAF 6 points (2 penalty goals) Police 3 points (1 try).

In Kuala Lumpur the major part of the Army South side, playing for the 74 LAA went under as expected to the mighty Fijians by 36 points (3 goals, 6 tries, 1 penalty goal), to 3 points (1 penalty goal), with the Fijians being in complete command of the game almost from start to finish.

ARMY SOUTH v ARMY NORTH

Throughout the game the Army South had more of the ball from the scrums and shared the lineouts. Glen had a good game but Jackman at times fumbled his passes, mainly due to the fast breaking of the Army North wing forward Allen, who was continually harassing the Army South halves, particularly in the second half.

In the first half the Army South threes combined much more smoothly than did their opponents while their two wing forwards, Hodge and Duffett, muffled the Army North attacks to a large extent. The Army North threes' handling was not all it might have been, and though Moore played an outstanding game he is still too greedy with the ball and must let his wings have a chance now and again.

At one point in the game he elected to hold on to the ball when a pass to his unmarked wing would have swung the verdict into Army North's favour. When he did go through on his own, he was excellent and his sidestepping runs often had the Army South unbalanced.

In the second half the Army North began to combine better, and spent the major part of the time in the South's territory. Sharpe made one or two good breaks through the centre but he and Cain still do not combine too well, though they are improving.

The first score came after ten minutes, when a nice three move took play to the North 25. Army North won the lineout but fumbled the ball in the backs and the South forwards got round and the ball came back to Glen who whipped through to score. The conversion was missed. 3-0.

Only a few minutes later the South scored again, from just inside the halfway line. The ball came back from a scrum to Glen who gave it to Jackman. Jackman found an opening and went through to pass on to Griffiths. Griffiths drew his man, then passed inside to Jackman who scored well out. Griffiths converted. 8-0.

The South kept up the pressure for some time but solid defensive play by Keir kept them at bay until they had been pushed back to the half way line where in a lineout the ball came back from the North forwards and went to Moore who sidestepped his way through to pass on to Hodge. Hodge drew his man before giving the ball to Fidler who crossed the line in the corner, then ran round to score near the posts. Keir missed the conversion. 8-3.

Play now swung back into the North half of the field and the South settled for a few minutes not more than five yards from the North line, and first Duffett and then Hodge tried to crash their way through, but the North forwards held them until the half-time whistle blew.

In the second half North started to get their threes moving and from a scrum on the South 25 Sharpe went blind and was only bundled into touch in 4ime.

However, South managed to clear the ball upfield with a nice kick by Rowe, but the North were not to be denied and on the half way line Moore got the ball and with a dazzling run opened up the defence to pass on to Wade who was surrounded, but the loose ball was snapped up by Sharpe who ran through to score under the posts. Keir converted. 8-8.

Suddenly coming to life again the South swept back into the attack, but no matter what they did they could not break through the stalwart defence and the no-side whistle went without further scoring.

CLUB v NAVY

In some last minute changes Roberts dropped back to full back again and Inglis moved into the centre with Spencer coming on to the wing. But the Club threes and halves let down their hard working forwards.

O'Kelly and Steward must take a large share of the blame for this for they themselves did not try to make ground with the ball and the Club centres took the ball almost at a standstill.

Nor was the Club's defence much better with the outstanding exception of Roberts, who while he lacks a strong kick is always willing to tackle. His only weakness, which turned out to be the saving grace of the Club, was that in attack he lay too far up behind his threes.

The Club wing forwards both played well. Wilson, brought in for Armstrong-Wright, had one of his best games to date, while Penman was his usual dangerous self. With Wilson obviously deserving a place in the team, the Club can now afford to drop Penman back into the threes to stiffen both defence and attack.

The Navy threes, on the other hand, while they lacked finesse showed a spirit that the Club would do well to emulate. Cater had dropped back to full back and let Lloyd go into the centre, instead of the other way round as was the original idea, and this switch paid dividends for Cater had an excellent day and Renilson and Lloyd combined well.

The Navy handling was only fair, but their threes always seemed to be promising and a few more games together should weld them into a good team.

The Navy dominated the scrums while the Club shone in the lineouts, where Ross stood out in the latter part of the game. The Navy forwards, while none particularly shone, proved themselves to be steady workers who were not afraid to tackle.

The play generally was inclined to be scrappy but the Navy had the territorial advantage as well as domination of the scrums, and when after 20 minutes they scored it was not a great surprise. Lloyd, getting the ball, broke through the centre inside his own half of the side, then sent Renilson over near the posts. The try was converted to give the Navy a five-point lead. 5-0.

The Club in one of their odd bursts swung back and O'Kelly tried a drop goal but missed and without further incident the first half ended.

In the opening minutes of the second half O'Kelly missed a long and difficult penalty attempt, and the Navy forwards with a good rush took play back into the Club half of the field. Gradually the Club began to get their attack going and twice the Navy were penalised within ten yards of their line, but O'Kelly seemed to have lost his touch and missed narrowly each time.

Finally in the closing minute the Club scored. A penalty kick found touch 20 yards from the Navy line and in the lineout the ball went loose. O'Kelly got it and kicked ahead and across field.

The Club threes began to race for it, but like a bolt from the blue Roberts, lying very far upfield, shot through them to gather it and score near the posts. O'Kelly converted. 8-5 as the final whistle went.

POLICE v. RAF

At Kai Tak the Police turned up two men short, so Dawson was pressed into service. However, though they took the field with only 14 men the opposition was soon on a par when after five minutes Weekes was injured and had to leave the field. The Police three were, if anything, slightly stronger than their opponents in attack, but in the first half the Airmen could have made more use of the gusty wind than they did. Lamb scored both penalty goals, but due to the strong wind missed quite a few more.

The first half was scrappy, relieved by Lamb's two penalty conversions and a fine length of the field run by Marsh of the Police in the closing minute, but he was bundled into touch just on the line.

In the second half the Police scored their try from a kick ahead and the loose ball was gathered by O'Regan who scored well out. The conversion was missed. 6-3.

HOW THEY STAND

And now the Hexangular Table which shows no positional changes after Saturday's games.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Army S.	5	4	1	0	39	20	9
Club	6	3	1	2	51	42	7
Army N.	5	2	2	1	43	45	6
RAF	6	2	0	4	45	43	4
Navy	6	2	0	4	38	60	4
Police	6	0	1	4	32	66	1

ANNUAL BOAT RACE

Unprecedented Run Of Illness Hits Oxford University Training

London, Feb. 19.

An unprecedented run of illness has dogged Oxford University during training for this year's Boat Race on March 24 and at this vital stage of preparation the Oxford President has not yet been able to announce his crew.

While the Cambridge University crew was settled last Monday, with a consequent improvement in morale, illness struck two more at Oxford last week.

One of the three Australians who will probably be rowing for Oxford, R. H. Carnegie, of Melbourne, has had a recurrence of influenza which kept him out of the boat early this month, and the Oxford No 3, N. Paine, has had to drop out because of a chill.

Paine had to miss a few days training last month because of a strained arm.

In addition one of the coaches fell ill just as Oxford were trying to establish some foundation to the crew and the whole training programme was thrown out of gear.

The worst aspect of the situation for Oxford must be Carnegie's continued indisposition. Rowing at No 7, he is the key man in the crew and any substitutes at this stage of training must be unsettling.

Cambridge have been singularly fortunate in escaping illness.

They should now be able to get down to some solid work and will probably row about 20 miles a day to attain the cohesion and precision necessary for the gruelling 4¼ miles of the boat race course.

HEAVIEST CREW EVER

This Cambridge crew averages more than 186 lbs a man and will be the heaviest crew ever to row in the boat race.

Oxford's crew will be giving away at least 10 lbs a man.

Heavy as they are, Cambridge do not look ponderous and will probably be firm favourites when they arrive for the final work-up.

Direct comparison between the crews is almost impossible—even though they will appear together on the London tide-way in about a fortnight's time.

Both universities observe an unwritten convention never to row the same stretch of the course on the same day and, with wind and stream conditions varying from hour to hour, stop-watch comparisons are a waste of time.

Cambridge's advantage in weight could be decisive on the long exposed course, but a glance at the record book shows that it is not always the heavier crew which wins the race.

In fact, Oxford's last two victories—in 1952 and 1954—were both earned by superior skill against heavier Cambridge crews.

Millions more will watch the race on television. It will be the 102nd in the series which began in 1829. Of the 101 races so far, Cambridge have won 55 to Oxford's 45 and there has been one dead heat—in 1877.—China Mail Special.

Home Soccer Standings

London, Feb. 18.

Football League tables after today's matches were:

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Un.	31	18	6	7	63	42	42
Blackpool	30	15	6	9	63	46	36
Wolves	30	14	5	11	68	53	33
Sunderland	29	13	7	9	63	65	33
Burnley	30	12	9	10	43	38	33
West Brom	30	14	4	12	44	45	32
Newcastle	30	14	3	13	67	48	31
Bolton	29	13	5	11	54	39	31
Manchester C.	29	11	9	9	62	50	31
Everton	30	11	9	10	43	46	31
Portsmouth	29	13	5	11	59	65	31
Birmingham	30	12	6	12	50	45	30
Charlton	30	13	4	13	63	61	30
Chelsea	29	11	8	10	46	50	30
Cardiff	30	13	4	13	43	54	30
Luton	30	12	6	13	61	47	30
Preston	31	11	6	15	55	63	27
Arsenal	29	9	9	11	40	48	27
Tottenham	29	10	4	15	30	48	24
Sheffield Un.	29	9	5	15	41	53	23
Huddersfield	30	8	5	17	37	69	21
Aston Villa	30	5	10	15	33	67	20

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wednesday	31	14	11	6	70	44	39
Leicester	31	16	4	11	76	56	36
Bristol Rov.	30	16	5	10	69	53	35
Swansea	30	15	5	10	58	55	35
Bristol City	30	12	4	11	65	51	31
Leeds	29	11	9	9	49	44	31
Port Vale	30	11	11	8	42	39	33
Liverpool	28	13	6	9	59	45	32
Fulham	31	14	4	13	63	50	32
Notts Forest	29	14	4	11	50	49	32
Blackburn	29	13	5	11	59	46	31
Stoke	28	14	3	11	50	42	31
Lincoln	28	11	6	10	61	40	28
Middlesbro	29	11	6	12	49	57	28
Bury	29	9	8	12	54	60	26
Rotherham	28	9	8	11	40	49	26
Barnsley	31	8	10	13	36	56	26
Doncester	28	8	9	11	52	63	25
West Ham	28	8	8	12	52	47	24
Notts County	31	8	7	16	44	61	23
Plymouth	31	7	6	18	38	74	20
Hull City	28	6	3	19	32	66	15

Third Division (South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leyton	30	19	7	4	69	22	45
Brighton	32	20	5	7	82	39	45
Ipswich	32	18	9	5	75	43	45
Torquay	31	15	8	8	67	39	38
Norwich	30	15	8	7	63	34	38
Coventry	32	16	5	11	54	36	37
Southend	29	16	4	9	70	55	36
Brentford	31	13	8	10	47	48	34
Colchester	32	13	8	11	53	56	34
Southampton	33	14	5	14	67	59	33
Gillingham	32	12	7	13	49	50	31
Bournemouth	31	12	7	13	41	39	29
Shrewsbury	32	11	7	14	50	52	29
Aldershot	32	8	11	13	54	63	27
Newport	31	10	7	14	42	53	27
Crystal Pal.	32	8	10	14	39	54	26
Exeter	32	8	9	15	33	55	25
Q.P. Rangers	33	7	11	15	40	62	25
Watford	32	8	10	14	37	60	24
Reading	31	8	5	18	40	61	21
Millwall	30	9	5	16	53	70	23
Walsall	30	8	4	18	43	65	20
Swindon	30	6	8	16	2	50	20

Third Division (North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	32	19	5	8	51	24	43
Accrington	32	18	5	7	67	34	41
Southport	31	16	6	7	48	34	42
Derby	31	17	6	8	87	40	40
Hartlepools	33	16	4	11	52	45	40
Chesterfield	33	16	3	12	64	44	39
Bradford C.	33	14	9	10	57	44	37
Scunthorpe	30	15	4	11	53	36	34
Workington	33	16	4	14	67	57	36
Gateshead	31	12	7	12	53	53	31
Darlington	33	14	5	13	49	51	33
Stockport	33	13	6	14	56	49	32
Tranmere	33	13	6	14	48	57	32
York City	30	12	7	11	55	49	31
Carlisle	32	13	5	14	52	56	31
Halifax	33	11	8	14	53	50	30
Rochdale	32	10	10	12	54	57	30
Chester	31	10	9	12	37	54	29
Wrexham	33	9	8	16	46	62	26
Mansfield	32	7	10	15	47	58	24
Oldham	33	6	12	15	45	63	24
Bradford	30	9	5	16	41	58	23
Barrow	33	8	6	19	43	67	22
Crewe	32	6	6	20	36	75	18

Scottish League "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queen's Park	25	17	6	2	68	19	40
Ayr United	26	16	1	7	61	46	37
St Johnstone	23	15	4	4	64	31	34
Stenhousemuir	27	15	4	8	68	46	34
Dumbarton	23	10	1	0	58	39	33
Brechin	25	12	5	8	40	37	29
Cowdenbeath	27	12	5	10	63	65	29
Dundee Un.	26	8	12	6	54	50	28
Third Lanark	27	11	2	14	56	52	24
East Stirling	27	8	8	11	61	73	24
Tranmere	26	10	3	13	55	69	23
Berwick	26	9	6	11	41	53	24
Morton	24	8	5	11	41	46	21
Arbroath	20	9	3	14	42	61	21
Hamilton	25	8	4	13	63	60	20
Albion Rovers	24	6	8	10	47	63	20
Alloa	27	6	6	15	48	63	18
Forfar	26	6	6	14	41	67	18
Montrose	26	3	2	21	30	83	8

—Reuter.

CUP REPLAYS

London, Feb. 18.

Two of the FA Cup ties which were drawn today—Liverpool v Manchester City and Sunderland v Sheffield United—will be replayed on Wednesday.

The other drawn match, Blackburn v West Ham United, will be replayed on Thursday.

The following League fixtures which had been arranged for these two days will not now be played:

Wednesday: Division One, Manchester City v Sheffield United; Sunderland v Birmingham. Division Two, Liverpool v Leed United.

Thursday: Division Two, Blackburn v Rotherham, Notts Forest v West Ham.

The match between Portsmouth and Newcastle United on Wednesday will be played under floodlights.—Reuter.

GOLF

Californian Scores His First Major Success

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 19.

Gene Littler of Palm Springs, California, took his first major golf tournament of the year today with a deadly display of controlled iron shots, firing a seven under par 65 to win the $20,000 Texas Open with a 276 total.

Doug Ford of Kiamosha Lake, New York—the leader going into the final round today—faded to a one over par 73 that gave him a 279 total and dropped him into a tie for fifth place.

Mike Fetchick of Mahopack, NY, Fran Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, and Ernie Vossler of Fort Worth, Texas, wound up in a second place deadlock two strokes behind Littler.

Littler's winning total, although 12 under par; was the highest score in the tournament since 1934.—United Press.

Argentina Wins South American Swim Meet

Vina del Mar, Chile, Feb. 19.

Argentina today won the 13th South American Swimming Championships.

Argentina dominated the seven other competing nations in overall points scored as well as in scoring for men's and women's events separately. It also was invincible in water polo.

In the classification for the Montevideo Cup, which includes swimming and diving but not water polo, Argentina had 404 points.

Brazil was second with 306.5 points and Chile third with 148.5. Peru had 126.5 points, Colombia 15, Uruguay 11.5, Venezuela six and Ecuador five.

In men's events Argentina had 148 points, Brazil 137, Peru 88, Chile 25.5, Colombia 24 and Uruguay 9.5.—United Press.

Drawn Fight

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Feb. 19.

Vincente Saldivarria of Boise, Idaho, former Spanish middleweight Champion, fought 10 [illegible] here last night in a 10-round [illegible] with Kent Perkins of Salt Lake City.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

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Tommy Kono Breaks Own World Weightlifting Record Unofficially

Honolulu, Feb. 19.

Tommy Kono, 164-pound muscle man from Sacramento, California, broke his own world weightlifting record for the press on Friday night but an unofficial record-breaking total lift was not recognised.

Kono pressed 295.5 pounds at a Hawaiian AAU meet to top his old mark of 291.5 pounds set in Leningrad, June 18, 1955.

The records are for the 165-pound class.

Then he hoisted 200 pounds in the snatch and 360 pounds in the clean and jerk for a total lift of 935.5 pounds, or 425.1 kilograms. But AAU authorities said the total lift could not be recognised as a world record since rules require that while individual marks for the press, snatch and jerk may be established at local meetings, combined records can be recognised only if achieved at international meets with at least three countries competing.

CLASS RECORD

Dr Richard W. You, Kono's trainer, said the athlete will work up to 1,000 pounds before the Olympics and predicted he will win more than one Gold medal at Melbourne.

Kono's 165-pound class record for the total lift is 903.5 pounds, registered in France in 1954. The AAU recognises his record of 930 pounds set at Leningrad in June, 1955, but that mark has not yet received world record status.

Competing in the 181-pound class, Kono has registered an AUU recognised record of 966.5 pounds, set at Mexico City in March, 1955. As a Light Heavyweight, Kono also set a world mark of 957 pounds at the Munich World Championships last year.—United Press.

BOXING

Australian Champion To Meet South African

Sydney, Feb. 19.

Harry Miller, Manager of Stadiums Limited here, said tonight that he would consider making an offer to Jannie van Rensburg (South Africa), the Empire Lightweight Champion, to defend his title in Australia, if the Australian Champion, Colin Clarke kept winning.

Clarke's trainer, Billy Lawrence, said a Sydney business man had guaranteed the costs for Clarke to seek the title in South Africa, if necessary.

The Australian's record, in a short career, is 24 knockouts in 27 fights only one of which he has lost.—Reuter.

TEST MATCH

Khalid Qureshi Invited To Peshawar

Lahore, Feb. 19.

Khalid Qureshi, left-arm leg spinner, who played for the Punjab Cricket Association at Lyallpur today, has been invited to Peshawar for consideration as a possible for this week's Test match.

The Pakistan selectors were in Lyallpur this morning and informed Khalid of their decision after the end of the match. Khalid toured India in the Pakistan team in 1952.

The Test opens on Friday.—France-Presse.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Athletics
Sports Meeting, 74 LAA Regiment, Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.

Tennis
Grasscourt Tennis Championships, HKCC Courts at 5.30 p.m.

Football
Council Meeting HK Football Association, Sports Road at 5.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Boxing
Friendly contest: RN Boxing Association team versus Army Boxing Association team, China Fleet Club at 8 p.m.

Tennis
Colony Grasscourt championships at HKCC.

WEDNESDAY

Cricket
"Chopsticks" versus Combined Schools at KCC.

Tennis
Colony Grasscourt championships at HKCC.

GOALKEEPER KEEPS HIS LEGS WARM

Fulham goalkeeper Black—wearing long trousers in the bitter cold—saves from Johnson, Rotterdam United centre-forward, during the Second Division match at Craven Cottage, London on February 11. Rotterdam United won 1-0.—Reuterphoto.

PROFESSIONAL BOXING DOOMED IF....

BELGIAN PARLIAMENT ACCEPTS DRASTIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Says WILLIAM NEWMAN

London, Feb. 19.

Professional boxing in Belgium may be doomed if the Belgian Parliament accepts recent drastic recommendations for protective equipment for boxers.

A report submitted by Dr J. Wostyn and approved by the Lower House Committee on Public Health, recommends that Belgian boxers should wear foam rubber belts for protection against abdominal damage, leather helmets to guard the head and ears, and large gloves with foam rubber surfaces to minimise eye injuries.

Since boxing's black year of 1953, when 21 deaths were attributed to ring injuries, authorities in all parts of the world have introduced stringent regulations to lessen the risk of serious injury.

The compulsory eight-second count operates in many American states while others insist on eight-ounce gloves instead of the usual six-ounce. Periodical medical check-ups with fitness progress reports, brain machines, enforced suspension of a boxer after a knock-out, extra padding on ring floors and authority for doctors to stop a fight, all play their part in the bid to protect the boxer without detracting from the spectacle of the sport.

Since 1946, there have been 129 ring deaths. Only 15 occurred during the past two years — six in 1954 and nine in 1955.

Any suggestion to cut these tragedies still further is naturally commendable, but the Belgian idea of boxers wearing protective "armour" is not likely to meet with widespread approval.

TREMENDOUS LOSS

Mr Teddy Waltham, a former top-class referree and now secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, commented: "Such innovations would change the whole character of the sport as we know it and there would be a tremendous loss of crowd appeal."

The promoter said he doubted whether the average fan "would pay the price of a bus fare to see boxing in armour." For the boxer's point of view, reporters interviewed Freddie Mills, who "graduated" from the tough-nursery of fair ground boxing booths to the World Light-Heavyweight Championship. He summed it up: "Boxing is a man's game. When a man takes up boxing as a career, he knows he is going into a tough sport. So he makes himself tough and expects the knocks that go with the rewards."

But Mills, now a successful television personality, Sunday newspaper columnist and fight promoter, feels conditions could be improved by grading the glove weights with the lighter divisions using six-ounce and the heavy men eight-ounce gloves.

Mills added: "But the helmets are out. They tend to slip over the eyes and would seriously handicap a boxer. Waist belts are unnecessary with the regular protection cup."

Professional boxing will always have its critics, but statistically-minded people connected with the ring contend there is a higher proportion of deaths and injuries in other sports—especially in motor racing and motor cycling where spectators are often involved in accidents. Boxing does not appear to be any more hazardous, they say, but because it is a case of man versus man, it gathers more notoriety.—China Mail Special.

LEAGUE CRICKET

BOTH ARMY TEAMS CRASH AND THE RACE IS WIDE OPEN AGAIN

By "RECORDER"

Both Army South and Army North were well beaten, neither too unexpectedly, in First Division Cricket League matches on Saturday and the race for the Championship is wide open again with seven more rounds to go and four points separating the first five teams.

Even the Optimists, who have only six more matches to play, are not entirely out of the running if they continue to win and the other leading teams lose or draw. Nothing would leave the other teams with a chance of the Championship happier than two draws between Army South and the Scorpions.

Most interesting development on Saturday afternoon was the surprising failure of the Army North wicket-taking combination of Lipscombe and Greenhalgh against last year's League Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club.

Army North were 109 for five against the KCC at one stage, but as the last five wickets fell for the addition of only 10 runs it looked like the situation was becoming interesting. The KCC bowling wasn't too deadly, but Fairhall was very much in form and deserved his four for 27 and Willie Davidson also toiled away with success, taking four for 41.

What happened afterwards rather surprised the small number of KCC cricket fans who braved the weather. Everyone hoped for an opening partnership of something like 40 from Michael Guilford and Frank Findlay. To their amazement they saw a batting race between the two as Guilford at one stage had 30 to Finlay's 15.

Finlay was slightly ahead, 44 to 41, when Guilford lost his wicket, playing on off his glove, but 88 runs were up for the first wicket. The two had been batting with such confidence that it looked like a victory by 10 wickets, but victory by seven wickets was just as good and KCC's popularity at Kai Tak has risen to an all-time high.

Greenhalgh didn't seem to take very kindly to the wicket. He is much more effective at Sookunpoo. Lipscombe gave away 41 runs for one wicket. He wasn't bowling very much off his normal form but the batsmen were facing up to him with the type of confidence that is rare in local cricket.

HOW THEY STAND

This is what the League table looks like now:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Army South ..	13	9	1	3	37
Army North ..	13	9	0	4	36
RAF	13	8	2	3	34
Scorpions	13	8	1	4	33
Optimists	14	7	4*	3	33
KCC	14	5	2*	7	23
IRC	14	4	5	5	21
CCC	11	4	3	4	19
Recreio	15	3	3	9	15
Police	13	2	4	7	12
Royal Navy ..	15	1	3	11	7

* Two points for a tie.

NOT ENOUGH

At Sookunpoo, Army South had first lease of the wicket against the Optimists and lost six wickets for 106 runs against only Pritchard, Salmon and Eltringham, then Mike Carr came to the rescue in the usual Carr tradition and 145 was up before another wicket fell. Carr's personal contribution was 41, but the remaining three wickets fell for only another 11 runs.

Against a strong batting side like the Optimists a total of 156 was not very much and it is generally recognised that Army South have little effective bowling outside of Bill Withall.

The latter toiled away, took three for 56, not a bad analysis for his type of bowling and the opposition's batting.

The Optimists scored steadily, George Rowe putting in the major contribution of 54 runs, but three wickets were still to fall when the game was over and an Optimist victory had been recorded.

The Optimists had at one stage lost four wickets for 63 runs, but Rowe and Pritchard changed the situation by making it 127 for five.

At Kai Tak, RAF stayed in the race with a narrow two-run victory against the Indian Recreation Club. This match was largely a battle of bowlers, Tony Myatt taking six for 34 as RAF were out for 86 and Henderson taking six for 50 as IRC were out for 84.

Scorpions at Chater Road had considerable batting practice against Recreio as they knocked up 233 for four and Tony Weller scored his second League century of the season, this time 100. Harry Owen Hughes was undefeated for 64. Recreio were all out for 147.

Royal Navy, plodding on in the usual local Naval cricket tradition, proved that they were not incapable of winning a game in the First Division as March took five for 22 to dismiss the Police for 68. The sailors won by 23 runs.

Wes Santee Suspended Permanently By National AAU

New York, Feb. 19.

Wes Santee, America's No. 1 Miler, was suspended permanently tonight by the National AAU and will not be permitted to compete in the Olympic Games.

The decision was announced by Carl Hansen, President of the National AAU, following a report by a special committee. The committee met for almost 10 hours today and gave its decision after confronting Santee with the evidence it had gathered.

Also suspended were Al Franken, President of the Compton Relays, Fred van Dyke, former president of the Pacific AAU, and Tom Moore, promoter of the Modesto Relays.

The decision means that the brilliant Kansas Miler, who has knocked on the door of the four-minute milers' club for more than a year, will not be able to compete as an amateur for the rest of his life. Santee had set his hopes on winning the 1,500-Metre test in the Olympic Games next summer in Melbourne.

The suspension came after a seven-man group, dubbed the "Secret Seven," studied charges that Santee accepted excessive expenses for competing in four meets last spring in California. Also included were new allegations which were not made public.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee met this morning, beginning at 10 a.m. and studied the matter until 5.30 p.m. with breaks for lunch and dinner, before the decision was revealed. Santee and his lawyer, Charles Grimes, were called into the meeting at the New York Athletic Club at about 6 p.m.

The National AAU's decision upheld an original decision made by the Missouri Valley Association of the AAU last October 11. That decision to suspend Santee, now a lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia, was reversed by the same group by a 21-7 vote on November 20.

However, in December Hansen ordered the case reopened and appointed the so-called "secret seven" to study "new evidence" as well as re-appraise the old evidence.

The committee was composed of Pincus Sober of New York, J Lyman Bingham and Colonel Harry Heushell, also of New York, Robert Kiphuth of New Haven, Connecticut, Al Post of Bloomfield, New Jersey, Charles Rooier of Philadelphia and Harold Berliner of San Francisco.—United Press.

—BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPE

Disley's Determination Can Carry Him Through

By ERIC NICHOLLS

"I want above all to win a Gold Medal for Britain in the Olympic Games.... then I shall finish with athletics, and I'd like to travel the world, climbing mountains from the Himalayas to New Zealand."

Similar words have been uttered many times. Just as often they come from sportsmen after they have reached the top.

Then what makes it so different when it is said by John Disley, the 27-year-old Champion Steeplechaser, mountaineer and canoeing explorer? Possibly, just because Disley meant what he said.

For John Disley, the man who loves the open air, is a sincere athlete.

To him, the slopes of the world's mountains offer a challenge, a challenge he has accepted. He is an adventurer. He does not seek glory for himself. The enjoyment he gets out of his job (John is chief mountaineering instructor at the Council of Physical Recreation's centre in Snowdonia) and the sport of his choice is sufficient reward.

NOT FOR HIMSELF

And when, in the field of athletics, he wins, as he mostly does, it is for his country, not for himself.

In many ways he is of the Gordon Pirie mould. Whether he is taxing his strength to the limit in the steeplechase, running the mile, or mountain climbing, John Disley is a man determined on victory. He knows where he is going and, more important, how to get there.

Having reached the top as a steeplechaser by 1952, Disley set himself new worlds to conquer. He switched for a spell to milling. "Nobody worries whether or not you win the steeplechase," he said. "The milers get the biggest cheers."

Then just to convince everyone that he could do it, Disley won 1,500 Metres and 3,000 Metres indoor races in Germany on successive days.

On top of that, he clipped three seconds off the meeting mile recorded in the AAA-Cambridge University match.

But there is something of the Chataway about this former Welsh schoolmaster, too. Like Chataway, Disley runs to satisfy his emotions. He climbs mountains for the same reason.

HIS SECOND LOVE

Climbing has always been his second love. In 1951 an injured foot seemed likely to end his sporting career. But Disley's self-inflicted fitness test was to run up 14 mountains, each more than 3,000 feet high, in Snowdonia. He passed his test with flying colours, beating the record set up in 1946 for the "Snowdon three thousands," a 25-mile run, by three minutes. His time was seven hours 24 minutes.

Disley has always been regarded as something of a guinea pig. Try anything once, has been his motto. His introduction to athletics was as a Miler. AAA Chief Coach Geoff Dyson detected steeplechasing possibilities. John has justified Dyson's faith in him, and the hours of coaching. His supreme triumph was in Moscow last year when the Russians beat Britain's men by 137 points to 93.

Disley's time of 8min. 44.2sec., beat the then official world record.

There have been steeplechasers who have finished in front of him or done better times. But such is the Disley determination that one by one John sorted them out.

Now he plans to outpace the world's best to bring home that Olympic Gold Medal.

Knowing John Disley, that is just what he will do.

JOHN DISLEY

INVITATION TENNIS

Swede Beats Vic Seixas After Two Hours' Play

Buffalo, New York, Feb. 19.

Ulf Schmidt, 21-year-old Swedish lawn tennis player, beat Vic Seixas, the United States leading amateur and former Wimbledon Champion, in the semi-finals of the Mid-Winter invitation tournament here today.

The Swede won 14-12, 7-9, 6-3, after a two-hour struggle, and went on to beat another American, Sid Schwartz.—Reuter.

ACTIVE SECRETARY

No back-room boy is Ronnie Seel, Hon Secretary of Wilton Rovers in the Aston and Erdington (Birmingham) League. He plays as well, and has collected two "hat tricks" since the New Year. His latest exploit was to score five times in his side's 7-0 win over Yenton.

HEARTBROKEN

When manager Bob Brocklebank went into the Hull City dressing room at Bristol after his side's 4-2 defeat by Rovers he enquired if there were any injuries. Said English International Stan Mortensen: "Yes, what is a good cure for a broken heart!"

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th February, 1956.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There will be 10 races each day instead of 9 races; the First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.00 p.m. and an additional race (1A) will be run at 1.30 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep on these additional races.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.15 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at $10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be $3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

There will be no Cash Sweep on Race 1A on both days of the Meeting. Through Cash Sweep Tickets at $18.00 each per day for Races 1 to 9, and $36.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 10.30 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 17th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at $2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 28th April 1956, at $2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

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By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

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By Order of the Board of Directors
P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1956.

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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Fancy Goods At 1956 British Industries Fair

A PREVIEW OF SOME OF THE EXHIBITS

By W. R. Lyster

Because new ideas are the very life of the Fancy Goods industry, exhibitors in this section at the 1956 British Industries Fair at Earls Court, London, are keeping the details of many of their most interesting products a close secret until the doors open on Wednesday.

From what I have seen, however, it is clear that British designers are following their own bent and that at Earls Court the majority of the goods on show will have a native look about them as unmistakable as an English voice.

Because its task is to make a thousand and one small things which are at once useful and decorative, the Fancy Goods Trade—or the Gift Trade, as most British manufacturers now like to call it—offers designers an unrivalled opportunity of combining inventiveness and fine workmanship.

New materials will be well represented in the exhibits, but buyers will find many traditional materials, such as well-seasoned oak and fine brass, handled with the careful attention to detail which their merits demand at the hands of a skilled craftsman. If some of the old patterns reappear, it is not only because there is a great demand for them, but because no others can quite replace them.

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Porcelain is another matter. This is a flexible medium demanding the hand of an artist rather than that of a craftsman. It was the imagination of a young artist which created Whimseys, those little porcelain animals that look as leaping and alive as anything in the Zoo. He began to work for the firm that produces them three years ago, and since then people all over the world have taken delight in owning them. The result is that the firm is greatly extending its range this year.

I give this designer top marks for creating such charming miniatures as the three colts—each the size of your thumb but each with its own character—with a little beagle barking at their heels. The hound completes not only the set, but also the scene.

The greatest triumph for naturalism is where you would normally least look for it—among the plastics. There is an incredible assortment of flowers which have tiny stamens illuminated by electric light, so that they seem to glow phosphorescently. These can be plugged into the ordinary electric mains and include models which give just enough light to help you round the room when the television set is in use.

Perhaps the best use for one of these single flower units, however, is as a nursery light; it will delight a child for its novelty and will give just enough light to provide assurance without keeping him awake.

Glass mosaics for use as wall or pillar decoration will be available this year in a different form. The flexible backing of this dazzling stuff has been made doubly substantial. Its tiny oblongs of mirror surface now carry a part-overlay of black or white ceramic, and the resultant domino-like shapes have been arranged in a series of abstract patterns.

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This "Flexaglass" makes a distinct contribution to the treatment of wall surfaces, particularly in shops and places of recreation, but it looks almost as effective on smaller objects such as display blocks, trays and table mats.

Abstract or geometric patterns seem to attract British designers. In this they follow England's major painters, who since the war have almost alone persevered with this form. Cosmetic accessories, and especially powder compacts, demonstrate the two wings of British national style, for they are either faithfully antique or as far away from living shapes as machines themselves.

The anodised ware which will be seen at the BIF in profusion also shares the qualities of a beautiful machine. Whether it is a well-turned tray, or bowl, the glowing colours given by anodising have been added to a clean and solid product. One of the best of these products, to my mind, is a wheeled trolley; the topmost of its three tiers is detachable for ordinary domestic use, or alternatively, can be provided with a heating element. The firm that makes this knows how to make high lustre heatproof and spirit-proof, and the colours permeate the body of the metal in a way which will give it many years of elegant wear.

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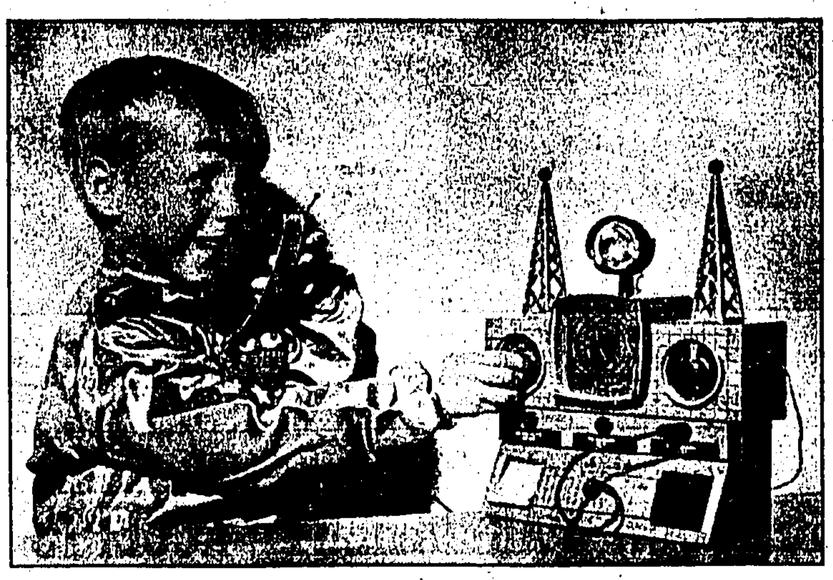
A boon that will be appreciated by many is the new sealing device for vacuum flasks; the little projecting lip which one manufacturer added last year to prevent drips when pouring now also acts as a clamp to hold the stopper in position.

A new use for solid nylon should please housewives. It makes strong and efficient curtain gliders which can either be hooked on or sewn on the fabric. The nylon has the effect of polishing the metal rails which the same firm produces, so that curtains hang evenly and accurately.

The temptation of novelty for novelty's sake seems to have successfully been avoided in the goods selected for exhibition. From all I have heard, it is clear that the articles on show will combine delight in what is new with a sensible eye on the uses to which they can be put.

Hello, Hello, That Mars?



Could that crackling be the voice of a Martian, wonders four-year-old Rowley Street as he tunes into his d "space" radio? Space-boy Rowley is unlikely to be picking up the planets but his radio does transmit both speech and morse for a distance of about half a mile. It has a switchboard type panel controlling searchlight beam, telegraph and morse, and there are a built-in tapper key, an automatic decoder and a log book. It is one of the many novel products to be on show at the British Toy Fair which is being held as part of the BIF from next Wednesday until March 2 at Earl's Court, London.—Reuterphoto.

GASWORKS TYPE MOTOR

Intended to meet the special requirements of gasworks and ordnance factory engineers, a new electric motor introduced by Newman Industries Limited, of Yate, Bristol, England, is specified as being dust-tight, weatherproof and hoseproof.

By selecting its B.S. range as the basis for the gasworks type motor, the firm is able to offer it immediately in the full complementary range from ½-25 horsepower and at a competitive price.

Outwardly, a flameproof type terminal box replaces the standard version.

This has wide flanges and the terminal mounting posts are embedded in separate synthetic resin-bonded moulded insulators.

Entry of dust or water is thus positively prevented.

The box can be arranged for direct conduit entry (in four positions) or it can be equipped with a sealing chamber and armoured glands.

Bearings are doubly protected by "wiping" type seals which are fitted in addition to normal bearing closures.

Two other features are the use of stud type bearing caps and of a locknut to secure the keyed fan to the shaft in place of the more usual circlip.

Atomic Waste May Be Used As A Food Preservative

By C. L. Boltz

ONIONS that last for a long time without rotting; potatoes that can be stored indefinitely without sprouting; tomatoes that will last a fortnight in the shop without going soft; these are what we can now expect as a side-product of Britain's atomic energy industry.

The materials used to produce these effects are what were once looked on as waste, the dangerous and apparently useless substances that have had to be stored in deep tanks and then deposited deep in the sea in waterproof containers.

This waste consists largely of what are known as fission products. When uranium 235 undergoes fission each atom breaks into two nearly equal ones of about half the atomic weight, but this is not a mathematically accurate statement, for it is only on the average that the atoms of uranium 235 are exactly halved. So we get substances like caesium, with an atomic weight ranging from 131 to 138, considerably more than half the atomic weight of uranium 235, and strontium with isotopes having atomic weights ranging from 84 to 92, less than half the atomic weight of uranium 235.

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THESE fission products are radioactive. Strontium 90 emits beta radiation for years. Caesium 137 emits the more penetrating gamma radiation as well, also for a number of years. What has happened now is that we are learning to use these fission products as sources of radiation.

Many materials subjected to radiations show changes. Foodstuffs, for instance, can be sterilised with radiation—hence the use on onions and potatoes and so on. But with many foods there are unwanted changes in the taste. So a great deal of research has yet to be done in order to find out how to get sterilisation without change of taste.

In order to do this sort of research as well as the investigation of every sort of effect of radiation from radioactive substances, a new research group has just been set up at Britain's Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. About £400,000 will be spent this year on the work of this new group, which is also concerned with the difficult business of separating from the mixed waste the isotopes that are needed. The search is on for a site near Harwell where the new group can be housed.

Medicine & Industry

FOODS are not the only thing that can be sterilised by radiations. There are pharmaceutical products, including antibiotics like penicillin, which is damaged if heat is used on it. Bones for grafting and sections of arteries could also be preserved for use in surgery.

The effects of radiations are seen on many industrial products. I have seen the well-known plastic, polythene, before and after radiation. The untreated polythene softens and flows at a temperature not far above the boiling point of water. After irradiation a polythene cup, for example, still retains its shape at such temperatures. This is important in relation to the heat caused when an aircraft flies at supersonic speeds.

Radiation also influences the progress of chemical reactions. So much so that it is believed that manufacturers of some insecticides will be able to decrease the time taken in production.

The manufacture of hormones can, it is believed, also be changed with the help of radiations. Already the group has ideas on possible changes in the processes that go on in oil refineries.

In short, a new industry is being created, the industry of irradiation, in which the sources of radiation will be materials that were previously thrown away as atomic waste.

It is important not only for industry, but for the rest of mankind as well, many of whom have been concerned about the amount of radioactive waste dumped in the seas.

Once the new industry is going, there ought to be much less of this for us to worry about.

New Sparking Plugs For Motor-Cyclists

Over 40 years ago, a British racing motor-cyclist, Kenelm Lee Guinness, began to make his own sparking plugs.

These were so successful that he founded the firm which bears his initials — KLG Sparking Plugs Ltd, of 50, Oxgate Lane, London, NW2—and which has since sent its products all over the world.

Its wide range has recently been extended by the reintroduction of platinum pointed plugs for the average touring motor-cyclist and 10-millimetres long reach racing plugs.

Platinum pointed plugs were first produced by the KLG company nearly 20 years ago, but their manufacture was discontinued during World War II, and has only now been resumed.

Completely new in design, there are four types, in which both central and earth electrodes are tipped with platinum, and between them they cover the needs of the majority of motor-cycles, both sports models and tourers.

The great advantage of platinum is that it has a high resistance to corrosion and erosion; thus the plug's life is greatly increased and longer periods of operation without attention are possible.

The new plugs also embody a resister, which further lengthens their life and acts as an interference suppressor.

Racing plugs have until now been available in 14-millimetre diameter, long and normal reach, but those of 10-millimetre diameter have been only of normal reach; the range is completed by the latest addition to the firm's output. The long reach 10-millimetre KLG plugs were used on the 1955 World Championship-winning Gileras.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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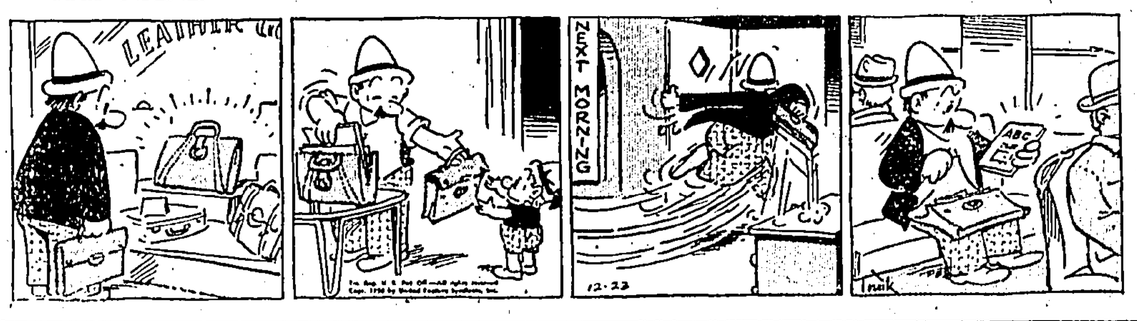

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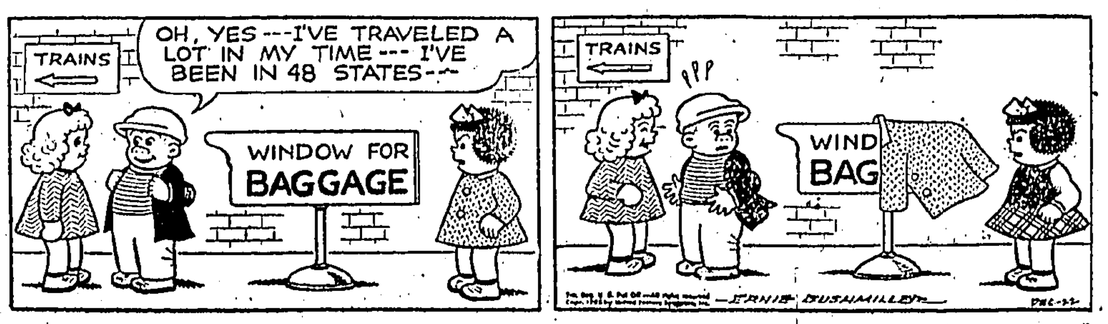

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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a
San Miguel

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Eisenhower Report Gives US Markets A Jolt Of Confidence

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 19.

U.S. trader-investor sentiment got its biggest jolt of confidence this past week on news of the favourable medical report on President Eisenhower.

Wall Streeters reacted spontaneously to the news on Wednesday, lifting stock prices to net gains ranging up to three points for most of the leaders. The New York Stock Exchange had its heaviest first-hour trading on Wednesday with early gains up to six points. However, these were later whittled down as profit-taking set in. On Tuesday, however, west coast markets—still open after the medical report was made on Tuesday—showed prompt gains to four points.

Wall Streeters jumped to the conclusion that President Eisenhower will be a candidate this year. Traders read avidly the doctors' findings on the President's health and jumped into the market on the hope that he will announce his intention to be a candidate.

May Be Overdone

The President's doctors said he could lead an active life for another five to 10 years, and many will live to conclude that this paved the way for an eventual "yes" to the big question of the day.

However, the market on Thursday appears to have dissipated some of its previous-day vigour and from indications has now settled in its former pattern of irregularity — indecisiveness, gains followed by sell-offs.

Many experts point out today that perhaps the market may have overdone its rally on Wednesday. They say the market on Tuesday night was pretty much in a "sold-out" position and would have reacted favourably under the stimulus of any kind of favourable news anyway.

In minimising the Wednesday rally, the bearish coterie point out that the rise lacked follow-through and in many instances the first prices were the best for the day. It is felt generally, therefore, that the market will now more likely move along in generally narrow limits, with dealings increasingly more selective—at least until March 1, when it is hoped, President Eisenhower, might disclose his presidential intentions.

Some experts envision a big duel shaping up in Wall Street —a duel between the bears and bulls.

Crucial Lows

Both of these groups centre their thinking around the key question of the day: Will the President seek re-election?

Some brokers point out that the bulls will have to show their usual courage around the January lows or it would imply a test of lower prices. The medical announcement caught the market just a shade above the year's lows set on January 23. Rails were almost right down to that low and industrials a few points above.

The crucial January lows are 462.35 in the industrials and 153.97 in the rails, both set on Jan. 23. It was noted that the market met support last Friday when these levels were approached.

Up to now buying develops when lows have been approached.

The bearish in the financial community point out that the Wednesday rally might after all have been no more than just a pleasant interlude. They hold that a lot of people agree with them and are ready to sell each time there is a rally.

In Wednesday's rally, they point out, people did a lot of selling and prices slipped back from the highs of the day.

The industrial average, while it closed with a gain of nearly five points from the previous session was more than five points under its highs. And the leadership was not of the best either, it is pointed out. The most active issue, Avco Manufacturing, selling at $7.25 a share, the actives also included such stocks as Benguet Consolidated Mining at $2 a share and Graham-Paige at $2.50.

Still Free

Another thing, the bears say, the President hasn't said definitely if he will run. As another broker put it, the case of running or not running has been blunted by so much talk about it.

The bullish group emphasise on the other hand that the market is still free of seculative excesses, a factor which played into the bears' hands in 1929. They have good business predictions on their side with most big lines holding very high and the prospect of putting auto production on new models in late summer or early autumn.

The chance of a tax cut isn't considered out of the realm of possibility as yet to the bullish way of thinking. And of course, there's still the chance the President will decide to run. If he does, it will be a rout for the bears, at least for a time, say the bulls.

Out of politics and in the realm of credit, there are also the prospects although somewhat dim at this point—that the Federal Reserve might looser credit a bit and even possibly cut margins back to 60 per cent from the present 70 per cent, and, if selling persisted, the cut might go to 50 per cent where it was a year ago in January.

Consensus feeling is that what the market needs is some outstanding piece of good news outside the realm of politics. What this could be, no one is ready to say. However, the experts insist that any such good news must come as a surprise.

No Evaporation

Meanwhile, it is held that many people with good profits are ready to realise them on rallies. They want to lighten their commitments with the idea of getting back into the market when prices are down.

Wall Street doesn't think this market is going to evaporate. Neither does it feel that the list will be pushed up indiscriminately.

Brokerage experts continue to recommend individual stocks on the theory that trading will continue highly selective for a long time to come. They hold that the market has discounted most of the things ahead of it, including whatever be bad news.

This market could have some bad news as well as good, and not a few point out that veto of the natural gas bill could be one item in that direction.

Market men insist that this is still an "Eisenhower Market" and that prices will be keyed closely to the presidential race. This is borne out by a study of the market since last September 23, the Friday before the President's illness. On that day, the industrial average closed at 487.45, a record high to that time.

The following session, Monday, September 26 — the industrial average broke 31.89 points to 455.56. That was the widest decline since October 28, 1929, and the second widest decline for a single day in all history.

Year's Low

By December 30, the industrials had regained their equilibrium and closed the year 1955 at a new record high of 488.40. That high has held to the present date.

The 1956 high is 485.78 and it was made in the first session of the year—a declining session in which the average closed with a loss of 2.62 points.

On January 23, the industrials fell to the year's low of 462.35, lowest since Nov. 3 and the rails closed at 153.97, a low for that average since Nov. 7.

The industrials at the close on Wednesday was 470.64. That was 17.75 points under the all-time high set on December 30 and 8.29 points above the January low.

In assessing the overall impact of the Wednesday market resurgence, market experts see these dvelopments in the offing:

The market tend to move along previous channels generally reacting under the stimulus of good business; good earnings and dividends reports—tempera-tured temporarily, in no small measure by the political uncertainties generated by the President's political intentions.

No Unanimity

It is seen by some observers that the effect of the medical report and the Wednesday rally is increasing the potential bearishness of any decision not to seek re-election, while there is no unanimity as to what the market will or will not do, there's a strong feeling that the final impact of the President's decision will be lessened in proportion to the extent of the psychological preparation of the American investing public for any developments.

By and large, the American public, either accidentally or purposefully, has been encouraged by the week's developments to think the President's decision will be affirmative.—United Press.

NY COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Feb. 19.

Cotton futures prices last week were higher, with nearby months extending the rise to new highs while new crop months turned lower.

At Friday's close, the list ruled 34 points higher to 20 points lower, or up $1.70 a bale down $1 a bale compared with the preceding week's.

Anticipating first notice day for the March contract—Feb. 23 —and reflecting the steady shrinkage in the certificated stock, the spot month reached 35.80 cents a pound, establishing the highest price on the board in a little more than a year.

A tightening spot situation in the south, coming in the wake of heavy impoundings under the government loan, gave prices an additional lift.

Resistance

However, above the 35¾ cent level, the market met resistance. Leading spot interests became scale-up sellers in sufficient volume to curb the rise. The stock of certificated cotton available for contract delivery totalled 10,121 bales, a cumulative drop of almost 6,400 bales over the past month.

Uncertainties over farm legislation acted to keep the new crop deliveries off balance and curb activity. News that Secretary Benson would recommend a veto if the bill is passed with rigid high price supports caused spurts of selling.

But traders generally was not inclined to draw definite conclusion pending Senate debate on the bill, and the commencement of the House Agriculture Committee hearing next week on legislation designed to boost farm income.

The Census Bureau reported domestic consumption of raw cotton in January at 748,990 bales, compared with 855,447 bales used in December.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Feb. 19.

The foreign exchange rates on Saturday closed as follows:—

New York	2.80⅝-2.80¾
Montreal	2.80½-2.80⅝
Amsterdam	10.62¼-10.62½
Frankfurt	11.72⅛-11.72⅜
Lisbon	80.20-80.30
Milan	1755½-1756½
Paris	982⅛-983⅛
Stockholm	14.53⅛-14.53⅜

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.80
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.70
Australian notes (per £1)	12.41
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	14.85
Siam tical (per 100)	26.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.82

Pakistan To Get Security Funds

Washington, Feb. 19.

Mutual security funds totalling $26,400,000 were authorised today for Pakistan by the International Co-operation Administration (ICA) swelling the 1956 fiscal year aid total for that nation to $62,400,000, the ICA announced today.

The additional funds are to be used for the development in Pakistan of agriculture and natural resources, industry and mining, health and sanitation, and transportation.

The largest slice of new aid appropriations, $8,400,000, will be used to help construct a multi-purpose earth dam on the Karnafuli River in East Pakistan. Located upstream from the bay of Bengal the new dam will help raise the living standard of East Pakistan's 45,000,000 inhabitants, the ICA said.

Gift Wheat

It is to have an initial capacity of 80,000 kilowatts and in addition to providing cheap power for the area will help effective flood control on the Karnafuli River. The dam also should provide water storage for irrigation purposes.

The new aid money will also help complete Pakistan's first fertiliser factory, aid road construction and malaria control, increase the war supply, and expand aviation ground facilities.

The ICA also announced today it was shipping 12,500 tons of gift wheat to Pakistan to feed hungry areas still suffering from the effects of floods that ravaged West Pakistan late in 1955. The wheat is being sent under an emergency programme launched early in January.

Previous financial allotments this year included $6,000,000 for technical co-operation and $30,000,000 earmarked for the purchase of iron and steel, industrial machinery, motor vehicles, non-ferrous metals, and chemicals.—United Press.

US Programme For Tobacco Exports

Washington, Feb. 19.

The Agriculture Department today announced a programme to develop new export markets for tobacco in co-operation with private US traders.

The programme will be conducted under an agreement between the Department and representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc., and the Burley and Dark Leaf Export Association, Inc., both of Washington and the Leaf Exporters Association, Greenville, N. C.

Possibilities of developing new markets for U.S. tobacco in such countries as may be agreed upon will be considered including:

1. Making markets studies with a view to developing effective expanded markets for United States tobacco;

2. Promotion of use of United States tobacco in selected countries;

3. Bringing foreign tobacco experts and buyers to the United States to familiarise them with merits of United States tobacco and grading, storing, and distribution facilities;

4. Participating in exhibits of United States tobacco at the fifth National Trade Fair.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 19.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 15, reads as follows:—

Note in circulation sterling	1,779,230,493
Government securities	265,801,629
Other securities	40,816,804
Public deposits	16,212,785
Private deposits	320,447,834
Receipts	48,431,597
Ratio	14.3.

—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Feb. 19.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Feb. 9, reads as follows:—

Total gold holdings franc	301,204,302,426
Total other currencies	17,687,747,531
Sight balance abroad in EPU	197,673,550,000
Advance to Stabilisation Fund	191,000,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,278,412,976,647
Note in circulation	2,802,390,012,870
Current accounts and deposits	135,835,359,887

—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Feb. 19.

The market dipped sharply on Saturday on lack of overseas' enquiry. There was some speculative short-covering but it was not enough to hold the market. Futures were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Mar.	101¾-102
	April	100¾-101
	May	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Mar.	100¼-100¾
No. 3 „	„	98½-99½
No. 4 „	„	—
Spot rubber unbaled		102½-103½
Blanket crepe		94-96
No. 1 pale crepe		113-115

—United Press.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 1956, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:—

(1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1955, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.

(2) To approve the Dividend.

(3) To elect Directors.

(4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1956.

Manufactured Textiles Limitation

Washington, Feb. 19.

Representatives of a part of the cotton industry today asked the Agriculture Department to limit imports of manufactured textiles into the United States.

They asked specially for a negotiated agreement with Japan not to increase the amount of cotton fabrics that country sends to the United States. Japan is America's best raw cotton customers.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz told the industry representatives in closed session the Department would take up the case with the State Department.

William Rhea Blake, executive vice-president of the National Cotton Council, said the industry would prefer the Agriculture Department would carry on negotiations rather than the State Department.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $1,200,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS			
3½% (1948)	93		10,000 @ 93½
BANKS			
HK Bank	1755	1790	
East Asia	236		
INSURANCES			
Lombard	56½		
Underwriters	9.10		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	25.60		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	71½		
Dock	34	34¼	1000 @ 33¾
			1500 @ 34
			400 @ 34½
Provident (O)	14.80	15.40	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	17.90	18	2500 @ 17.90
HK Land (O)	63	63½	230 @ 63½
„ (N)	61	61½	34 @ 61½
Humphreys	19.40	19.80	500 @ 19½
Realty		1.62½	
Rts		60c	
UTILITIES			
Tram	25.20	25.30	1000 @ 25.20
Star Ferry	142	145	
Yaumati Ferry		107	500 @ 108
C. Light (O)	22.10	22.30	1500 @ 22.10
			2100 @ 22.20
			500 @ 22.10
			2500 @ 22.20
C. Light (N)	19.40	19.60	500 @ 19.80
			2500 @ 20
			1000 @ 19.80
			1500 @ 19.70
			3000 @ 19.60
			600 @ 19.70
			300 @ 19.50
			1000 @ 19.40
			500 @ 19.30
			1500 @ 19.40
Electric	43¾	44	1300 @ 44
			1696 @ 43¾
			500 @ 44
			500 @ 43¾
			67 @ 44
			1900 @ 43¾
			250 @ 44
			500 @ 43¾
			550 @ 44
Macao Elec (O)	9.60	9.80	
(N)	8.30		
Telephone	32½	33¼	2100 @ 33
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	39	39½	2000 @ 39½
			1000 @ 39
			300 @ 39¼
Rope	15.20		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy		18	700 @ 17.90
Watson	12.40		120 @ 12.60
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro		2.40	
Allied	5.30		100 @ 5.45
H.K. & F.E. Invest	11.30		1000 @ 11.40

CITY UNDER A GREAT STRAIN

By C. T. Hallinan

London, Feb. 19.

The City of London, as the great price mechanism of the British Empire, came under severe strain last week.

People who were in a slightly vulnerable financial position—under pressure, say, from their banks to repay, at least in part, the money they had borrowed—sought to sell various government bonds.

Unfortunately few people wanted to buy them until it was clear just what Mr Mcmillan planned to do to extricate Britain from the grip of inflation. Anxious sellers against unwilling buyers—prices fell.

Old Consols

The amount of 3½ per cent War Loan outstanding in the possession of solid institutions and of individuals is actually 1,110 million sterling. They own it and they keep it for they consider it "safe" and they are satisfied with the yield. But the persistent selling of a relatively small chunk of War Loan this past week lowered the price of 100 sterling worth from £72⅞ to £71⅝, a drop of 30s; in January a year ago you would have had to pay 88 sterlings to buy 100 sterling worth; in the late 1930s you would have had to pay 106 sterling.

Thus this kind of a market is restricted solely to the marginal supply a few million sterling worth of War Loan out of the total 1,110 million sterling.

Old 2½ per cent Consols, which within the last 12 months has been as high as 66½ sterling, lost 2 shillings 6 pence to £52¾, close to its 1955-56 low of £52⅛.

The same thing happened with the leading industrials. More or less unwilling selling of Rolls Royce lowered the shares 10s to 99s 6d while Associated Electrics lost 5s, Unilever and Imperial Tobacco virtually 4s and any number of others 2s or 3s.

But there were plenty of odd spots. American Ford Motors shares rose £4 to £113¾ (for five shares).

In oils Royal Dutch, after fluctuating a good deal, closed unchanged at £61½ though the other leaders, including Shell Transport—down 5s—were all moderately lower.

Foreign bonds were erratic. The two German Potash Loans both lost £3 and Dawes Loan £1½, both assented and non-assented, but Young Loan rose £1. In the Japanese list Tokyo 5 percents rose £2 but most of the others were down by amounts ranging from 3 to 1½ sterling.

Untouched

But the whole picture represents confusion as to what the new bank rate of 5½ per cent and the other features of Mr Mcmillian's programme will mean to the country. The citizen with a modest overdraft at his bank pays 7 per cent per annum interest, beginning today, but if, on the other hand, he can leave part of his deposit untouched at the bank, he will receive 3½ per cent interest upon that amount though he gets no interest on his current account.

This is the point which his thinking starts, and possibly it ends there.—United Press.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th day of March 1956 (or as soon thereafter as the business of the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:—

"That the authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of $50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000 shares of $10 each to $100,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional shares of $10 each."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. "That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of $5,000,000 being part of the General Reserve Account and that accordingly a special capital bonus of $5,000,000 free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 15th day of March 1956 are holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 500,000 new shares of the Company of $10 each, and that such 500,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every complete seven of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of July 1956 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares.

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

2. "That in accordance with Article 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company there shall be offered to members who on the 15th day of March 1956 are the registered holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company 1,000,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of $10 each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before the 1st day of July 1956) so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up two new shares for every complete issued seven shares then held by such member. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1956 and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share, the Directors, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the nett proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

"The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-payment therefor by members or their approved nominees on or before the 1st day of July 1956 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide."

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 1st day of March 1956.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 1st day of July 1956 will be deemed to be declined.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 17th day of February 1956.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary

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SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

Alleged Breach Of Promise

Col. Says He Acted As Father

Col. Leslie Norman Morris, Commanding Officer of REME Workshop, Shamshuipo, contended at Kowloon District Court this morning that as Cpl. David McComish's Commanding Officer, he was in the position of being the soldier's father when he gave advice to the corporal.

He added, in answer to Mr B. A. Bernacchi, that he had not "told Cpl. McComish not to marry the girl," but he advised that if there was no love or affection, it was not a good thing to marry.

Seventeen - year - old Miss Gloria Franklin, who is suing Cpl McComish of the Command Workshop, REME, through her father as "her next friend," alleged that the soldier had twice promised to marry her early last year but had broken his promises.

Besides Cpl McComish, Miss Franklin is also suing Lt-Col Leslie Norman Morris, Commanding Officer of Cpl McComish, alleging that the officer had procured or induced his subordinate to refuse to carry out the promise of marriage.

Miss Franklin is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. D. d'Almada Remedios of Messrs Silva and Co. Both Col Morris and Cpl McComish are represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr J. C. B. Slack of Messrs Hastings and Co. They denied liability.

Col. Morris continued to give evidence today and he recalled having received a letter from the plaintiff's solicitor dated June 15, 1955. He telephoned to the Administrative Branch of Headquarters, Land Forces, and under instructions, he sent a formal acknowledgment of the letter. This letter was later in the day sent to the Headquarters for attention.

NO PRESSURE

Mr Wright asked Col. Morris: "Did you ever put any pressure on Cpl. McComish not to Marry?" Col. Morris:—None whatever.

Did you hold out any threat or favour to Cpl. McComish, concerning his marriage?—Not at any time.

In answer to Mr Bernacchi, he agreed that McComish might have written the letter to the girl's parents indicating not to marry the girl following the interview McComish had had with him on May 5, last year. He added that he did not then know what McComish had written. He agreed that he had advised McComish that if there was no love or affection it was better not to marry because of the girl's condition.

Col. Morris said he understood from McComish that he had seen the girl's parents earlier that week, and that he understood McComish was under the impression that if the father came to see him (Col. Morris) he had the power to make McComish marry the girl.

WHAT HE WAS TOLD

Mr Bernacchi:—Did you find out whether McComish had promised to marry the girl before or after the occasion when they had intimate relations?—I was only told that he was going to marry her because of her condition.

So when you gave this advice you had not inquired into the circumstances under which McComish had promised to marry her. — I had been aware that McComish had been in company with the girl for some time.

Col. Morris added that when McComish asked for an interview and when he gave the advice he assumed the position of a father. "Very much so" he added. He had previous knowledge that it was a "shotgun marriage" a few minutes before the interview.

Mr Bernacchi: I suggest to you that believing it was a "shotgun marriage" you were doing your darndest to stop it.—Not the slightest.

Assuming the position of a father, had you communicated with McComish's father about this matter?—I did, subsequently. Probably within the next fortnight.

Hearing is continuing.

Woman Had 220 Lottery Tickets

Mr Hin-Shing Lo at Central this morning fined Liu Wai-yee, a 40-year-old woman, $600 for possession of 220 lottery tickets.

Liu was found to have the tickets when she was stopped in Lee Yuen Street East near Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday.

The tickets were confiscated for destruction.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

February Brings Floods, Death And Devastation

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 14.

Another February has brought to us floods, death and devastation—and the grim glory of heroism.

It was last February, you will recall, that Maitland and towns along the Hunter River were washed out; the February before that Maitland caught it again; the previous year it was the North-western towns, while another February—maybe it was two or three years earlier—NSW and Victoria bent under the heat of bushfires.

We have times in our memories when we looked up February as the height of summer, when you could bet on cloudless days that were plenty hot, but good for swimming, for picnics, and if for no other reason the glass of cold beer, or the bottle from the fridge at home in the cool of the evening.

But February lately has been tragedy time. This year 17 inches of rain fell in some suburbs in less than 24 hours, left Sydney and its working population wet and miserable and washed out the low-lying suburbs.

Up on the Hawkesbury River, around historic Windsor way, experts say that £5-million would nowhere near fect the bill of damage. Out in the north-west the rains came, too, and although today the rain is long gone and the sun is shining, anxious people are watching the river rise.

It may be a week before the rivers are normal again and people go back to their ruined homes. Meanwhile, the floods this time have claimed eight lives, broken homes, while overall, £10-million could not repair the damage that they have caused in two brief days.

HOLT'S TRIUMPH

The Federal Minister for Labour and National Service, Mr Harold Holt, is bowing to considerable applause over his handling of the waterfront dispute.

Perhaps he is a little lucky that his hunch paid off, otherwise he may have been looking for a hide-out in the vastness of the Canberra hills, but it did pay off, and perhaps he knew that it was going to.

He kept his head after the wharf strike and resisted some fairly strong pressure to call out the troops.

His so-called "soft" industrial policy over the years has paid off, but this time both friends and opponents thought he was going to slip. Had the waterfront drive not been halted and broken last week he would have been on the public rack. But Harold Holt reasoned that the tough line—the calling in of troops and so forth—while the wharfies had Australian Council of Trade Union backing would not only get nowhere in this particular case but there was every possibility that it would make a bad position a thousand times worse.

So Holt thought up a reasonable formula for settlement, which had the highly satisfactory result of detaching the ACTU from the battle. That done he could put his feet up and wait for time to do the rest, for no strike in this country can be really effective unless the ACTU is behind it.

The strike was unnecessary and has done damage enough. An all-in fight could have set the country back years. We can thank the smiling Harold Holt that all has ended so well.

RACING & RADIO

For many months now Sydney racing clubs have been crying their eyes out about falling attendances and the general lack of interest in racing.

In an attempt to halt the drift they called the broadcasting stations into line and told them that no longer could they give tips over the air, advance scratchings, advance starters and all sorts of other taboos. The broadcasting stations could either fall into line or they would lose their broadcasting facilities on the various courses.

Surprisingly, the broadcasting stations came to heel.

Now, 10 minutes before a race you get starters and riders, then dreadful canned music, or the alleged virtues of someone's tomato sauce or dull cricket until the race starts, then a running description, then silence again—no comment, no tips and very little light chatter.

The result: the race crowds are getting smaller than ever.

It would be suggested that the racing clubs could learn a more positive approach from the NSW Trotting Club—if they concede that such a body exists.

The Club not only welcomes the broadcasting of its events but goes out of its way to see that announcers have every possible information.

GARDEN PARTY

For the Inter-Dominion Trotting Carnival which begins tomorrow night—postponed from Saturday because of the floods—it has arranged a night garden party for visitors and has issued a brochure which not only tells all about pacing, but also gives outstanding pictures of Sydney that makes it a well worthwhile souvenir.

Trotting in Sydney used to be known as the "red hots", but watchful stewards have welded a heavy whip and night trotting now is big time business.

Each month sees new record attendances and while race clubs are cloaking their activities in mystery, the trotting club is throwing open its door and reaping the benefit.

Maybe the race clubs will recognise the fact that it is the public that pays, and that the customer is right, not an evil necessity on the course.

NOT A SUCCESS

American evangelist Oral Roberts pulled out of Sydney on Saturday night, three days before schedule, taking with him 42 pieces of heavy baggage and some sour thoughts of Sydney.

On the other hand, according to his high pressure PR man, he left behind him some £40,000—the difference between his income of £8,500 and his expenses of just on £50,000.

Mr Roberts refused to talk to the press, turned his back on the cameras and appealed to security to let him board the plane early, which they did.

But his followers had plenty to say.

His manager, Rev Robert de Weese, called the Sydney and Melbourne people "louts and hooligans". He said the Melbourne meetings had to be closed because of mob rioting, during which even the police did not remain neutral.

Broad fact of the matter is that Mr Roberts' campaign just did not catch on in Sydney or Melbourne. Maybe his timing was just a little off, for he clashed with the Executive meeting of the World Council of Churches and Sydney people turned up to those sessions each night in their thousands.

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The Old Vic Company, out here last year, is reported to have netted £35,000 from its Australian tour.

The money will be used to repair and add to the Old Vic Theatre—which will give a lot of satisfaction to a lot of Australians.

ACTION ORDERED

There have been so many complaints that Australia Day (January 26) passed without notice that Sydney's Lord Mayor, Ald. P. Hills, has set up a citizens' organising committee whose job it will be to plan future functions in the city.

Main task of the committee—which is representative of all sections—will be to publicise the city and foster colourful celebrations of national festivals, such as Australia Day.

The committee already has decided to set up a city information bureau—apart from the Government Tourist Office—and it will try to cash in on the large number of visitors expected in Sydney before and after the Olympic Games in Melbourne in November and December this year.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"I'm surprised to see our neighbour Jones at the opera! He's a real lowbrow — never pretends to appreciate something he doesn't like!"

Mail Notices

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
By Air
Formosa, Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Philippines, 4 p.m.
Formosa, Canada, 4 p.m.
Macao 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
By Air
Thailand, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Kunming, Hankow, 10 a.m.
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
Guam, Hawaii, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Sarawak, North Borneo, 2 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Japan, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, Mauritius, S. Africa, 11 a.m.
Indonesia, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Repudiates Principle

Salisbury, Rhodesia, Feb. 19.

The Dominion Party—a new combination of opposition parties in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland—today announced complete repudiation of the principle of partnership between black and white wanted by the Federal (governing) Party.

Outlining its principles, the Dominion Party said it believed in European political control for the foreseeable future and that the way to harmony lay in giving each population group the opportunity to develop separately.

It wanted separate voters' rolls and pledged itself to work for the early attainment of self-government for Northern Rhodesia and for constitutional reform resulting in dominion status for the Federation.

The party pledged loyalty to the Crown and called for English as the only official language. It said it wanted large-scale immigration of Europeans only. —Reuter.

EMPLOYER ROBBED BY AMAH

Remarking that the method the defendant had adopted in concealing the stolen gold articles must have been planned, Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central this morning sentenced Chan Siu-ying, a 26-year-old amah, to one month for larceny by servant.

The stolen property, including several gold finger rings, bangles and pendants, valued at $2,673, which was recovered was ordered to be returned to the owner, Mr Wong Feng-Sin.

Chan asked the Court for a reduction of the sentence saying that she had a permit to go back to China. Mr d'Almada refused her application.

The prosecution said that the defendant had been employed by Mr Wong since January 2, at $65 a month. The theft was discovered on February 18, when a tin containing the gold articles was missing from a suitcase. Police enquiries revealed that the defendant had stolen the articles on the previous afternoon. She concealed part of the stolen property in a sock and placed the sock in a drainpipe. The remaining articles were concealed in her own room at No. 328, Battery Street second floor.

Antarctic As Trust Territory?

New Delhi, Feb. 19.

India might propose at the next General Assembly meeting that the entire Antarctic continent be treated as a United Nations trust territory, it was revealed today.

It was suggested in a communication to the Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjold, that "the question of Antarctica" be put on the provisional agenda for the 11th General Assembly scheduled late this year. India expects to submit explanatory memoranda, outlining the reasons why the South Polar Continent—which is already the scene of conflict in territorial claims—should be under international control.—United Press.

NATO MEETING

Paris, Feb. 20.

Top Western military leaders and civilian defence officials begin a ten-day meeting here today to plan conversion of the armies of the 15-nation Atlantic Pact to meet the needs of atomic warfare.

Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, will preside over the meeting.

Panels of military advisers may be set up after the meeting to counsel NATO governments on the best way to tackle the problems of air defence and aspects of guided missiles and atomic weapons.

NATO officials hope these panels will help to co-ordinate and standardise the methods of member countries. —China Mail Special.

TRAIN-TANK COLLISION SEQUEL

Manslaughter Charge Against Cpl.

Corporal Richard Moore, 22, an Army tank commander of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars, appeared before Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Court this morning in committal proceedings on a manslaughter charge arising out of a train-tank collision.

The manslaughter charge is in respect of Yu Choi-po, the train guard, who was killed in the collision at Bird's Hill level crossing near Tau Pass, New Territories, on November 12, last year. The accident also caused the death of tank wireless operator, Trooper David Couling, and injured six others.

At the inquest of Yu Choi-po, a verdict of manslaughter against Cpl Moore was returned by Coroner A.A. Huggins at the Taipo Police Court on January 20.

Mr A. S. C. Comber, of Hastings and Company, is representing accused, while Mr T. E. Newton, Traffic Officer of New Territories, is prosecuting.

Major P. J. Howard-Dobson, officer in command of "C" Squadron to which accused belongs, said in his evidence this morning that on the day in question accused was under his command in Exercise Diehard.

Witness said that accused's duty as tank commander was the responsibility for the control of the movement of the tank.

OWN DISCRETION

It was in order for a tank commander to leave a tank in certain circumstances if he thought it was safe for him to do so, he said. The tank commander therefore acts within his own discretion he added.

It would be usual for the tank commander to inform the driver, he said, before he leaves the tank. He would not have to wait for acknowledgment from the driver. It was not necessary he added.

Mr Newton: If the tank is proceeding towards a level crossing and there was a train approaching would it be the duty of the commander to ensure that the driver also knows of the train's coming?

Witness: Yes.

Major Dobson went on to say that during Exercise Diehard the tanks had to withdraw to certain positions. He said that there was a sense of urgency.

It was the duty of the tank commanders to get to the arranged positions as speedily as was compatible with normal safety he said.

Hearing is continuing.

Cruelty To Animals

Two cargo boat coxswains were each fined $500 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for cruelty to animals.

In the first case, the defendant, Tung Fat, 47, was found to have piled together 130 crates of chickens and 490 pigs in three tiers, causing the death of 32 chickens and lacerations to the legs of the pigs.

The other defendant, Po Sang-kun, 32, was found to have piled together 360 crates of pigs in the stern of his cargo boats, causing lacerations to the pigs. He had two previous convictions for similar offences.

The dead chickens were ordered to be confiscated for destruction while the remaining animals were returned to the defendants.

Today Police Reports

An elderly Chinese woman, Wong Kit Ping, aged 64, of 205A Hollywood Road, was injured at 3.25 p.m. yesterday when she was knocked down by a pedal cyclist in North Point Road.

The injured pedestrian is now detained in hospital for treatment.

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A private motor car collided with a four-year-old Chinese girl in Peking Road, near Nathan Road, at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

The injured girl, Tai Chiu Shoung, of 10, Lock Road, 3rd floor, received head injuries and is now detained in hospital.

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A man attempted to steal a bracelet from a woman walking in Tung Street, in the Central District, at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. The victim resisted whereupon the snatcher fled.

Awarded Medal For Bravery

Ngai Wing-kwong, an 18-year-old La Salle College student, who saved several lives in the Taipo Kau tragedy last year, was presented this morning with the Bellilos Medal for conspicious bravery, by Mr I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the Kowloon Canton Railway.

Mr Trevor said he had been asked by the Official Trustee, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, to present the medal to Ngai. He also added his own congratulations.

Ngai, whose father is the Way and Works Overseer of the Engineering Department, KCR, was picnicking with others by the side of a stream at Taipo Kau, New Territories, on August 23, last year.

Suddenly the stream was turned into a raging torrent by a cloudburst and nearly 30 people, the majority of them children, were swept away and drowned or battered to death.

Ngai succeeded in rescuing some of the children.

Also present at this morning ceremony, which was held in Mr Trevor's office, was Mr Lam Po-hon of the Engineering Department, KCR.

Cautioned For Driving Offence

Lawrence Leong, of 50 The Peak, was convicted by Mr W. S. Collier at Central Magistracy this morning on a traffic summons of causing an obstruction for three minutes outside house No. 63, Wyndham Street.

Commenting on the case the Magistrate said that the offence was, in his opinion, a "technical obstruction," and that a caution would suffice.

The defendant's wife, Joan Leong, also of 50 The Peak, pleaded guilty to not conforming with a traffic sign at the junction of Albany Road and Garden Road. She was fined $5.

According to the Prosecution, Mrs Leong drove past a "No Entry" sign at the junction of Albany and Garden Roads at 11 a.m. on November 10 last year.

Ten minutes later the first defendant caused an obstruction by halting the car at the side of Wyndham Street.

SATISFACTORY RECITAL

Last Friday night, Mr Theodore Huang gave a very satisfactory piano recital at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall before a capacity audience. The programme consisted of a selection of well-known pieces interspersed with the works of several modern French composers.

The programme opened with Bach's Italian Concerto in three movements, Allegro ahimato, Adante molto espressivo and Presto giojoso, which was followed by Brahms' Rhapsody in E Flat. In the performance of the Rhapsody, with its procession of heavy chords, Mr Huang displayed a technical excellence which he has acquired through many years of study in America under internationally famous pianists.

Mr Huang was at his best in his rendition of Beethoven's Sonata in E Flat, Op. 81a, sometimes known as "Les Adieux". This Sonata, which is in four movements, was exquisitely interpreted with a depth of feeling which was lacking in the performance of some of the other items on the programme.

THE MODERNS

The playing of selections from the modern composers, Honegger and Poulenc, was not too well appreciated by the audience. Debussy's Arabesque in E major and Poissons d'or fared better, perhaps because Hongkong music lovers are more familiar with the works of Debussy as compared to those of Honegger and Poulenc.

The last item on the programme was a group of pieces from Chopin: Two Mazurkas, Nocturne in C sharp minor and Etude in A minor. Although the performance of Chopin's work was technically perfect, Mr Huang did not reach the same level of artistic interpretation as he did in the Beethoven Sonata.—K.K.

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6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.06, Peter's Party (Studio); 6.30, Australian Trade Catalogue. Fortnightly Review of Australian Industry; 6.45, "Box 200" Bert Gillett at the Organ (OB); 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 7.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Edmundo Ros and his Orchestra. A Programme of Latin American Music (BBCTS); 7.45, Songs by Curt Massey. With Isham Jones and his Orchestra; 8, "Viewpoint" A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts. Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin; 8.30, Music for you. Jacqueline Delman, Anthony Oliver, Eric Robinson and his Concert Orch. (BBCTS); 9, Time Signal. Off the Beaten Track presented by Timothy Birch (Studio); 9.30, Recital by Alexander Wong (tenor) with piano accompaniment by Moya Rea (Concert Hall); 9.45, Divertimento No. 13 in F major, K.V. 138 (Mozart); 10, Robert Shaw Chorale Male Chorus; 10.30, The Goon Show. Repeat of last Saturday's Broadcast (BBCTS); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Crime Does Not Pay, Starring Susan Douglas; 3.30, Music by Lopez—with Guest Artists; 3.45, Bleak House—by Charles Dickens; 4, Tea For Two; 4.30, Guest For Today—Tino Rossi; 4.45, Dossier On Dumetrius; 5, Children's Corner — Conducted by Auntie Patricia; 5.30, Monday Requests — Presented by Betty; 6.15, Birthday Mailbag; 6.15, La Musique Francaise—Presented by Jeannette Piry; 6.45, The Final Year; 7, Time Signal and The News; 7.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, Felix King and His Orchestra; 7.30, World of Jazz; 8, Personality Parade—Yogi Yorgesen; 8.15, Interlude. With Music—Starrlox Kay, Cavendish; 8.30, Gypsy Caravan; 9, Red For Danger—Final Episode—"Under Fire"—A Thriller by Edward J. Mason; 9.30, Monday Concert Hour—"Quartet No. 5 in D major," (Rossini) played by The New Art Wind Quintet, "Concerto for Viola d'Amore, Strings and Cembalo in D minor," (Vivaldi), Played by 'Musici.' "Prelude" from "La Splendide," (Pochelbel). "Pavane" by The Hallen Radio Orchestra of Zurich, conducted by Giuseppe Barzoi, "Concerto for 'Cello and Orchestra in B-flat" (Boccherini), played by Pablo Casals and the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the late Sir Landon Ronald; 10.45, Music From Cuba; 11, Dave Willis' Presentation featuring the Swing of Today; Ballet Suite, Ravel; 11.30, Melodies; Harmonies; Rhythms; The Quest. Close Down.

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